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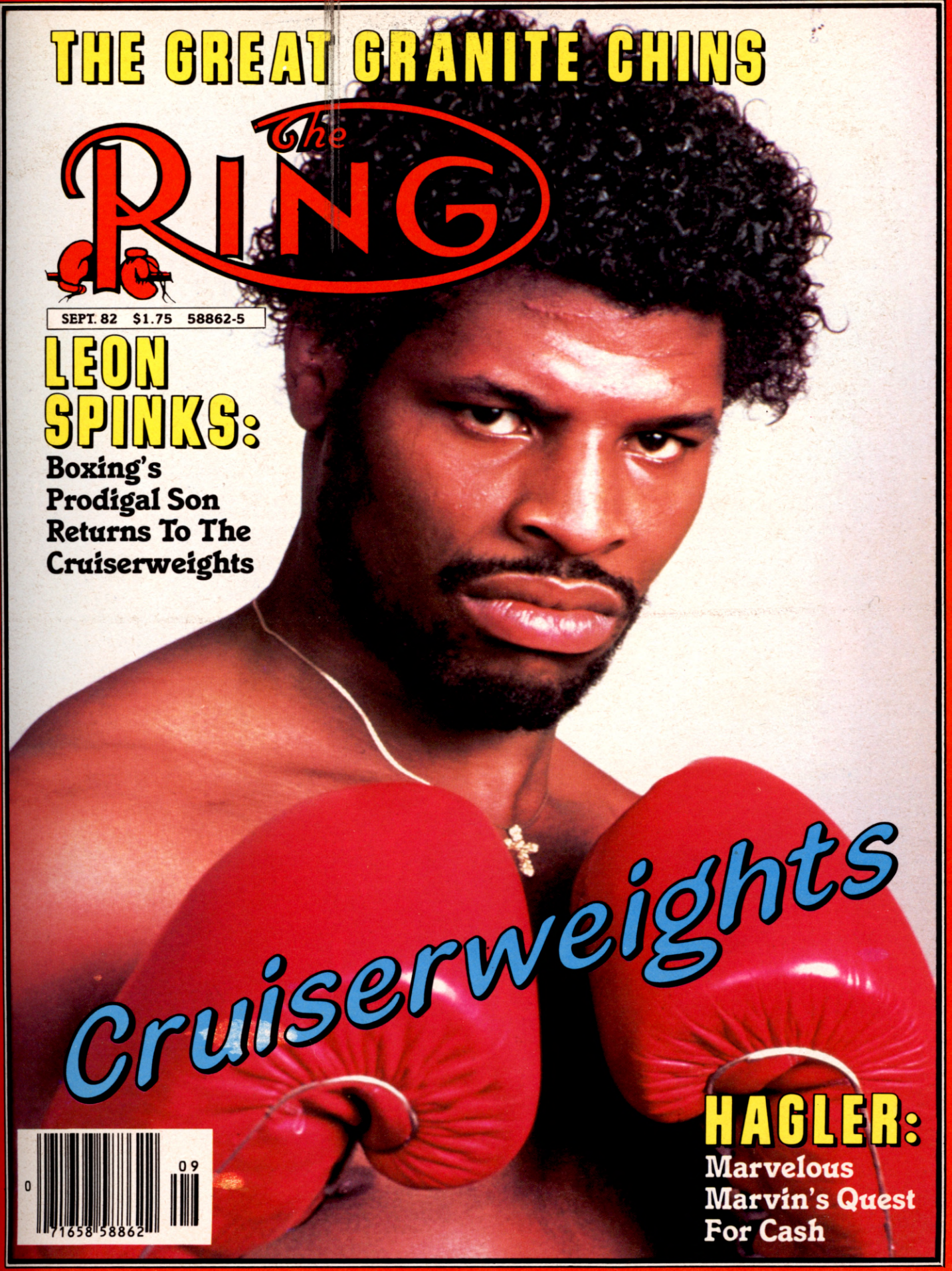

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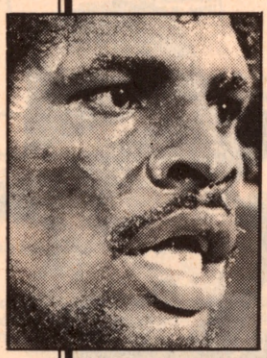

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RINGSIDE

IN AN EFFORT TO DISTINGUISH ITS PROmotions from all the "run-of-the-mill" boxing presentations by artificially creating excitement, the USBA now gives us something called "Sudden Death" in its championship fights—that is, an extra round in the event that the twelve-round bout has ended in a draw. What was the matter with a draw? Many a fighter has been happy with a draw, having expanded his last ounce of energy climbing bloody fingernail-over-bloody fingernail back into the fight and achieving a "moral victory" in its obtainment. Now the USBA wants an extra round and an extra pound of flesh to determine a winner. What for? So that the words "Sudden Death" can become an actuality when some thoroughly exhausted fighter is told to go out there again for just "one more round"? Or two? Or three? Or seven?

Forget it! A draw is a draw is a draw and fight fans everywhere, conversant with draws, will not be fooled. Should a title fight end in a draw, how much more honest it is to arrange a rematch in which both men can give their best than to arrange a "one-round title fight" right then and there.

The only ones fooled may be the fighters themselves who signed for a 12 round fight and now must get up for an encore. Here's hoping the 13th won't be unlucky for them, and won't become a "Sudden Death," literally.

The recent *National Lampoon* issue devoted entirely to sports really did a number on boxing. Particularly the section laid out like a TV ad promoting an upcoming boxing bout and bannered "Watch All-Championship All-Star Boxing on TV All Day, All Night!" The 14 pictures of boxers were accompanied by little sidebars heralding 14 different divisions from "King-size Heavyweights" down to "No-Cal Light Heavyweights" and "Goose-Down Featherweights," all being contested by two combatants named Emiliano ("Big Taco") Gonzalez and Gonzalo Emiliano. But it was the sanctioning bodies that caught our eye, running the gamut from the WBC and WBA to "TWA", "HEW", "GTE", "IRA" and "AMA" among others.

What makes these anagrammatic codes which spell confusion all the funnier is the new kid on the block the IBWA, which also issues its own ratings. The IBWA?, you say. What in the H.E.L.L. is that? Another name which supposedly stands for the International Boxing Writers Association and who have taken it upon themselves to get into the ratings game.

These men, who hold themselves out to be doing something in the best interests of the press, should put some effort into serving the very scribes who are their members, protecting the rights of the media at ringside where every celebrity worthy of a second on TV muscles out a legitimate working press man. Then and only then should they bother with window-dressing like ratings. But not before. Their efforts are needed elsewhere.

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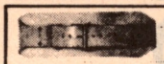

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ROUND ONE

HE COULDA CALLED YOU A STUMBLEBUM TOO

RANDALL COBB'S FIGHT FOR THE WBA heavyweight crown (postponed but not quite cancelled) was not the first time he was offered a shot at the title. But the first time, as Cobb expected, the offerer couldn't come up with the goods.

Last November, shortly before the Renaldo Snipes-Larry Holmes world heavyweight championship fight, Snipes, Holmes and Cobb were all present at a dinner attended by several past ring greats. When Cobb got up to speak he brashly told the assemblage that "it's an honor to be sitting here, sharing this platform with some of the 'baddest niggers' in the world." Snipes then angrily arose to state "I'm not gonna sit here and be called a nigger!"

Cobb looked at Renaldo sneeringly and after eyeing the guests who included Joe Frazier, Jersey Joe Walcott and Sugar Ray Robinson, the irrepressible Tex intoned "I wasn't talking about you, Snipes, I was talking about *bad* ones."

In a huff Snipes boasted "After I beat Holmes you're gonna get first crack at my title so I can whip you!"

Quipped Cobb "If we gotta wait for you to beat Larry Holmes, we ain't never gonna fight so we better think of some other way."

Though Snipes wound up doing better against Holmes than anyone expected, he didn't leave the ring in the position to offer any title fights.

A SAVER NOTE

THE MAN WHOSE "NOVACAINE" twice kayoed Max Baer may be boxing's closest thing to Michael Cain. Lou Nova, who has since appeared in Broadway hits, recited poetry at Carnegie Hall and entertained in Vegas where he now lives, just returned from San Antonio where he filmed a new movie, "Fiesta Sniper" in which he had a featured role.

Nova dropped us a line to let us know that and that his life story may soon be the subject of a film. The big guy still keeps up with boxing and asked us what became of Sailor Don Sauer's column. Lou and others can pick up the Sailor every month in *Boxing Illustrated.*

A MARVELOUS AGE TO BE CHAMP

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF EXAMINING the Newark birth certificate Marvin Hagler submitted when he had his legal name altered by the addition of the prefix "Marvelous," it was discovered that

Hagler was actually born on May 23, 1954—*not* 1952 as previously claimed by the champ himself. This fact, as sharp-eyed readers will note, makes Hagler 28, not 30, years old. The reason for the deception is that it allowed Hagler, then 16, to fight older guys in the amateurs in 1970.

"We knew it all along" confessed Goody Petronelli, Hagler's trainer. "We let everyone think they were going to beat up an old man."

HOW SWEDE IT IS FOR INGO

INGEMAR JOHANSSON, THE SWEDE with the "toonder" in his right hand was for years considered to have something less in his heart, the result of a regrettable incident which took place when he was nineteen years old and got himself disqualified from the heavyweight boxing finals of the 1952 Olympics for "not trying." By capturing the heavyweight championship from Floyd Patterson seven years later and by giving his all in futile efforts to defend and regain it Johansson dispelled the nasty rumors. But not some of the hurt which continued to gnaw at him.

Now, 30 years after Helsinki, Ingemar has finally received the silver medal that he earned by winning the three fights that brought him to the gold-medal round. It was due to the continuing efforts of International Amateur Boxing Association president Don Hull that the International Olympic Committee relented.

If the IOC, which awards medals to East German "She-Man" shot-putters and to other communist bloc pro-amateurs, is in the business of righting past wrongs it might start by restoring the medals it stole from American Indian super-athlete Jim Thorpe.

FOUL OF THE MONTH

THE EXACT INSTANT WHEN A REFeree should call a halt to a fight that has degenerated into a dangerous one for the hittee is a question over which, as lawyers are wont to say, reasonable men may disagree. The historical trend has been toward erring on the side of caution. Sixty-three years ago Jess Willard was derided for giving up his heavyweight title to Jack Dempsey while sitting on his stool; today, a fighter with three broken ribs and several knocked-out teeth would certainly not be given the choice nor even allowed to get that far.

In recent years referees have been criticized for stepping in too early. Fred Hernandez, who saved an ahead-on points Ron Lyle from an eleventh round battering from Muhammad Ali, Carlos Padilla, who saved an already battered Wilfred Benitez from a further

beating by Ray Leonard, with just six seconds remaining before the final bell, and Rudy Ortega, who stopped the Holmes-Snipes fight come readily to mind.

While not wanting to join in a "damned-if-you-do, damned-if-you-don't" chorus we feel compelled to bestow our less-than-coveted "Foul of the Month" award to the abovementioned Padilla. If allowing S.T. Gordon to hit a near-defenseless Carlos DeLeon with over fifty unanswered punches in the second and final round of their WBC Cruiserweight title fight was not enough, Padilla clinched it afterward with his "justification." Said Carlos, "You know boxing. This is a game of knocking your brains out."

TELLING IT LIKE IT AIN'T

HOWARD COSELL WAS AT HIS fatuous best at Caesars Palace the week leading up to the Holmes-Cooney fight, holding court at poolside, strutting through the lobby, all laid-out in a well-tailored suit, complete with sunglasses, acknowledging the adulation of the masses, and even signing autographs for the peons when the mood struck him.

However, when approached by an accredited member of the press and asked to autograph *The Ring Record Book*, Howard, employing the good-natured qualities that have become his trademark, bellowed at the top of his stentorian voice, "I won't sign that, Bert Sugar is a crook."

Writer Jerry Izenberg, standing within earshot—which was anywhere on the Vegas Strip—was moved to comment: "Tell Howard that Bert never shilled for a totally dishonest TV boxing tournament."

BARTENDERS' TRIVIA CORNER

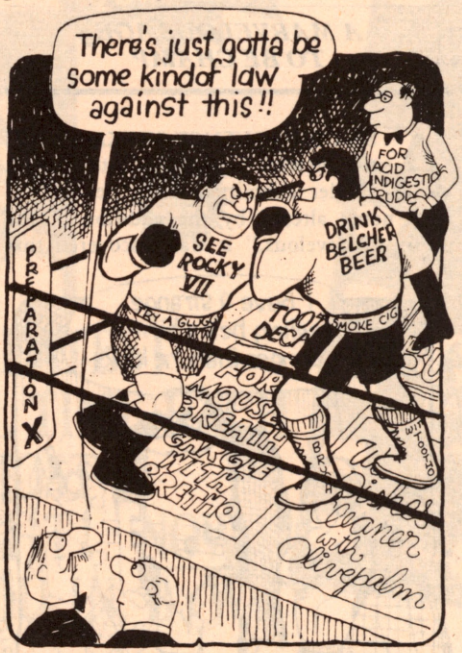
HOW MANY EX-OLYMPIANS DID Muhammad Ali defeat as a professional?

July's Question: Who boxed the most draws in championship fights?

Answer: "Little Chocolate," George Dixon, featherweight kingpin during the Gay Nineties fought six draws in defense of his title. In 1895 he drew with Frank Erne, in '96 with Martin Flaherty and Tommy White, and in '97 with Jack Downey and Dal Dawkins. After regaining the title in 1899 (he lost it two years before), Dixon drew with Eddie Santry.

AD-VENTURES IN WONDERLAND

IF YOU HAPPENED TO CATCH THE Holmes-Cooney fight (if you read this magazine we'll assume you did) you probably didn't pay much attention to the decorative adornments of the ring which contained it. Well, due to the vigilance of Congressman Henry Waxman, chairman of the



Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, promoter Don King and the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company were thwarted in their plan to have you view the action in a padded, roped cigarette billboard. King had planned to cover all four ringposts as well as the canvas with advertisements extolling the virtues of Reynolds' Camel cigarettes. Rep. Waxman, whose committee monitors compliance with the 1970 law barring cigarette advertising on TV (including cable and closed-circuit), called in the Justice Department and, after consultation, King and Reynolds agreed not to put the Camel signs where the TV cameras would show them.

But, when the smoke cleared and the heavyweight king hammered his man down it was onto a more tastefully laid out canvas heralding the King of Beers that Cooney was laid out.

Maybe Camel can sponsor "Smokin' " Joe Frazier's next comeback instead.

THUMBLESS GLOVES MAKE ONE ILL COMMISSION

WHILE THE NEW YORK STATE Athletic Commission insists that it will not back down from its thumbless glove requirement, the nationwide bandwagon of support that it envisioned has not materialized.

Frank Glienna, Supervisor of Boxing for the state of Illinois, summed up the countervailing mood in a letter to his New York counterpart, Jack Prenderville, "We feel that if all commissions insist on quality boxing gloves and referees instruct boxers against thumbing, this should be sufficient measures against eye injuries from the thumb . . ." Glienna went on to add that in the last five years his commission has supervised some 690 bouts, all fought with standard gloves, and found they were, "without serious eye injury caused by the thumb."

FLEISCHER ON THE CANVAS

AN OIL PAINTING OF *THE RING*'S late publisher, Nat Fleischer, painted by his long-time Atlantic Beach Neighbor Dorothy Talboys, captured second prize in the Durham, New Hampshire Art Association Exhibit this year.

PUNCHLINES:

SYLVESTER STALLONE, ON BEING told that the British Medical Association wants to ban boxing: "I absolutely agree—the British Medical Association should not box, but leave it to the professional fighters."

Sportswriter Dick Young, calling on the New York Commission to institute a three-judge system: "Arthur Mercante is a top technician in the ring, but he couldn't score in the 'Best Little Whorehouse in Texas'."

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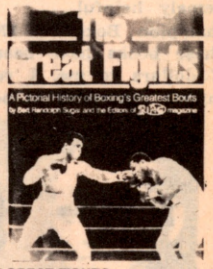

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

SEPTEMBER, 1967: *THE RING* REITERATED ITS STAND that it would respect the United States courts' ruling on Muhammad Ali's failure to serve in the U.S. Army. If the courts found Ali guilty, *The Ring* would "withdraw its support of the Black Muslim as world champion." Ali had, indeed, been found guilty and sentenced to five years in prison by the lower courts. However, since his appeal was still pending, *The Ring* considered the matter unsettled. It was noted that the decision against Ali had sent promoters scurrying to stage elimination bouts for the anticipated vacant heavyweight crown. In one such bout Joe Frazier was scheduled to meet George Chuvalo . . . Also, *The Ring* examined "The Liston Mystery." Barred from boxing in almost every section of the United States because of supposed evidence linking him to mob figures, *The Ring* noted there was actually no hard evidence against Sonny Liston whatsoever. Writer Dan Daniel opined that it appeared Liston was being banned from boxing for losing. Daniel pointed out that after having twice KO'd Floyd Patterson in round one (1962 and 1963) Liston had fallen on hard times, suffering a controversial one round KO himself—to Cassius Clay (1966)—and looking very unimpressive in other bouts.

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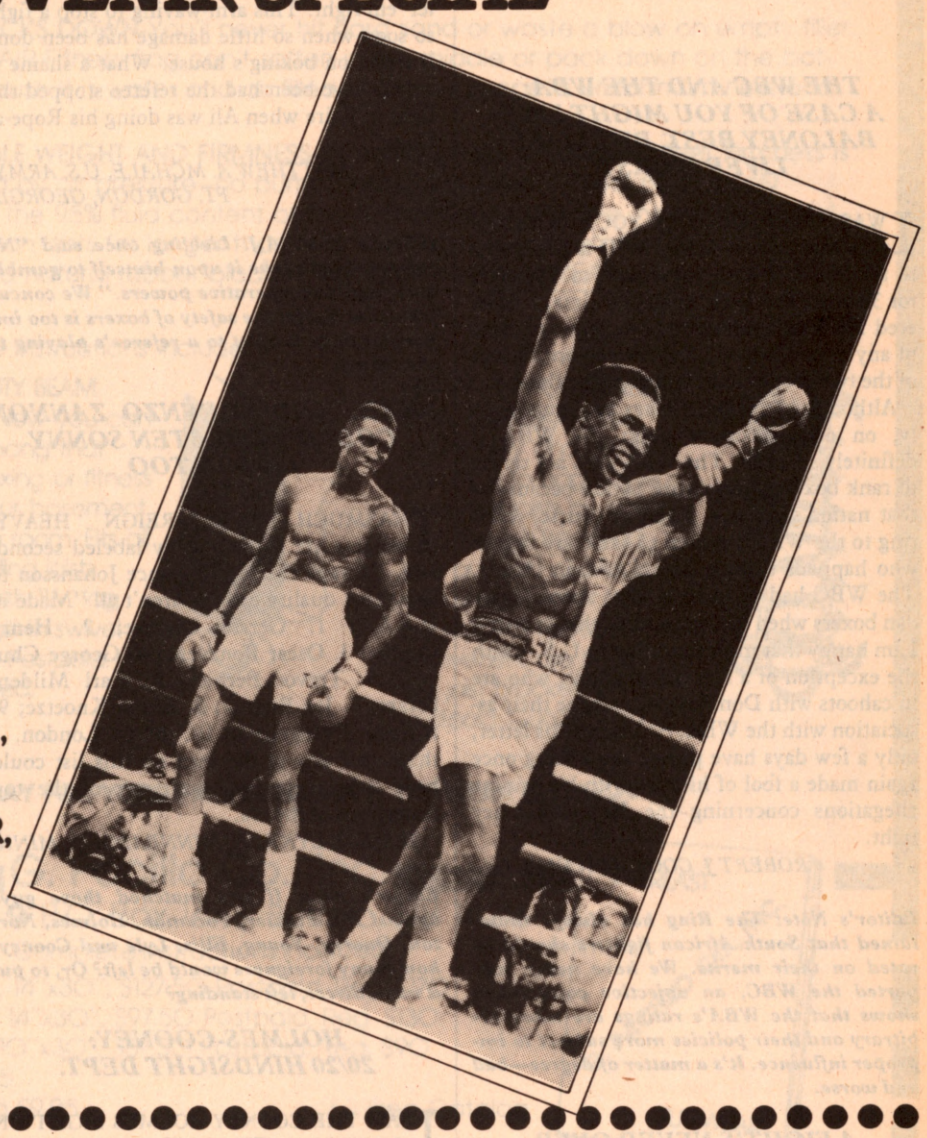

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THE WBC AND THE WBA: A CASE OF YOU MIGHT LIKE BALONEY BEST, BUT I LIKE LIVER WURST

I WAS INTERESTED IN YOUR CONCLUsion that somehow the WBC is preferable to the WBA. I have subscribed to *The Ring* for 30 years and have, in all that time, considered *The Ring*'s ratings to be superior to those of any organization. I feel the present ratings of the two groups to be equally ridiculous.

Although both their ratings are equally silly, on one important point the WBA is definitely superior. The WBA does not refuse to rank boxers of an entire nation because of that nation's politics. I am, of course, referring to the WBC's refusal to rank any fighter who happens to be a South African citizen. The WBC had no such qualms about Ugandan boxers when Idi Amin ruled that country. I am happy that most states in the U.S.—with the exception of a few commissions, who are in cahoots with Don King—continue their association with the WBA. As I write this letter, only a few days have passed since King once again made a fool of himself with his asinine allegations concerning the Holmes-Cooney fight.

ROBERT J. COOK, MACOMB, ILL.

Editor's Note: The Ring has always maintained that South African fighters should be rated on their merits. We have never supported the WBC, an objective comparison shows that the WBA's ratings are more arbitrary and their policies more subject to improper influence. It's a matter of degree—bad and worse.

A FIGHT'S NEVER OVER TILL IT'S OVER

I AM ANGERED BY THE NEW ATTItude that has caused the recent stoppage of so many fights when neither boxer has been knocked out, badly cut or injured to an extent that would be considered serious. Examples that come readily to mind are the Frias-Mancini and Holmes-Snipes fights.

I'm not by any means saying that the referee should allow a fighter to be knocked silly or killed. If a man is hurt, give him a standing eight, talk to him, then make a decision, but let 'em fight. This arm-waving to stop a fight so soon when so little damage has been done is a pox on boxing's house. What a shame it would have been had the referee stopped the fight in Zaire when Ali was doing his Rope-a-Dope.

MATTHEW A. MCHALE, U.S. ARMY, FT. GORDON, GEORGIA

Editor's Note: A.J. Liebling once said "No referee should take it upon himself to gamble on a man's recuperative powers." We concur wholeheartedly; the safety of boxers is too important to be subject to a referee's playing to the crowd.

YEAH...AND LORENZO ZANNON COULD'VE BEATEN SONNY LISTON TOO

INASMUCH AS FOREIGN HEAVYweights are automatically labeled second-rate, I'll rank the top ten since Johansson to show that quality heavies aren't all "Made in U.S.A.": 1. Gerrie Coetzee; 2. Henry Cooper; 3. Oscar Bonavena; 4. George Chuvalo; 5. Trevor Berbick; 6. Karl Mildenberger; 7. Joe Bugner; 8. Kallie Knoetze; 9. Alfredo Evangelista; 10. Brian London. I think that any of the men on this list could have held their own with any of the top Americans of the era.

JESSE H. LYKKEN, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Editor's note: If you matched those guys against Ali, Frazier, Foreman, Holmes, Norton, Quarry, Young, Ellis, Lyle and Cooney, how many foreigners would be left? Or, to put it more direct, left standing?

HOLMES-COONEY: 20/20 HINDSIGHT DEPT.

I SAW THE COONEY-HOLMES FIGHT ON closed-circuit TV and Holmes repeatedly caught Cooney with jabs, combinations and overhand rights. The crowd went wild every time Cooney made one of his roundhouse swings, but it was clear to any honest person that most punches either landed only glancingly, were blocked or missed entirely. Yet, two of the three judges had Cooney ahead if not for the points which the referee deducted for his flagrant fouling.

Did these judges allow the crowd to influence their scoring or are they just incompetent or is it something far worse? I have to give Cooney credit because he never stopped trying, but his hardest punches did nothing more than make Holmes blink.

A great boxing show could turn into a disgrace if the commission doesn't see to it that competent officials are used.

HAL C. PATTEE, ITHACA, N.Y.

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN A FAN OF GERRY Cooney and still am even though he lost. While I favored Cooney, I think the Nevada judges' scoring was outrageous. It is incredible that they had Cooney winning more rounds than Holmes. Holmes just plain outfought Cooney the whole way through.

Something should be done about these incompetent judges who exist in the amateur as well as professional ranks. Too many fighters have already been burned.

KYLE BARTON, FT. WORTH, TEXAS

WELL, THE WHACKO TWINS (ALIAS Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones) have done it again. First it was Ronnie Harris, then Howard Davis and now, Gerry Cooney. All Whacko-managed fighters were rushed into title shots while still inexperienced and got downright beat up. When will these two finally learn that you cannot treat a boxer like a piece of real estate? They keep their fighters inactive, robbing them of the opportunity to gain the necessary experience, and when they *do* fight they make sure it's against a washed-up "name" or a bum—someone sure to fall like a glassy-eyed drunk when hit. Naturally, when the title-shot comes, the Whacko-managed fighters are exposed for all their shortcomings.

Come on you two! get your act together. Young fighters must stay busy against good competition. Gerry, if you read this, I hope you realize you don't need those guys. To get that title you've got to do it the old fashioned way—earn it!

JEFF LORENZO, TRENTON, N.J.

MANY SPORTSWRITERS SAID THAT Cooney could not defeat Holmes for two reasons: (1) he could not take punishment, but he proved he could and (2) he had no stamina, but he proved he had stamina. Why then did Cooney lose? It is this simple: he did not throw enough punches! Cooney landed his punches without any trouble. He has the reach and height and used them to

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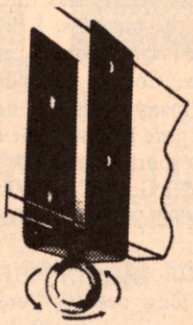

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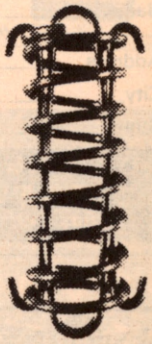

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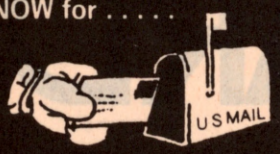

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good advantage when landing punches. But alas, alack, and aloof! Cooney would land two punches—a left and a right—and have Holmes off balance. Sometimes Holmes would be turned half way around. He could not possibly throw a punch being off balance so badly. But Cooney would give Holmes all the time he needed to get on balance again and get set. He did not throw any punches until Holmes got his balance.

Cooney came out at the beginning of one round and threw, and landed, four punches in succession. But that was so easy he never did it again.

I can just hear Ray Arcel saying: "Larry, when Cooney throws his two punches, then you have a few seconds to do anything you want to do!"

Not once did Cooney spin Holmes into the ropes and rough him up. One could hear Cooney's corner telling him to "Rough this man up." I did not hear all of what Gerry's corner told him, of course, but not once did I hear Cooney's corner tell him how to rough Holmes up.

They say Gerry has the most under-rated right in the business. I think it is the most over-rated right. Holmes carried his left very, very low. Cooney could have landed three times as many rights than he did.

Gerry gave Holmes time to get his balance, to take a short rest, and to pepper him back. No wonder Gerry Cooney lost!

ROBERT STARR, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

IN THE WAKE OF THE JUST-ACHIEVED but long overdue recognition of Larry Holmes as undisputed heavyweight champion of the world, after disposing of Gerry Cooney, allow me to be the first to laugh at all of the so-called experts who predicted a victory and, more absurdly, an early knockout by Cooney.

By picking Cooney in their "expert" analysis, most sportswriters have sufficiently destroyed any credibility that they had left. How could they all so poorly assess Cooney's chances? WCBS sportscaster Warner Wolf said it best: "Everyone is overlooking the fact that the guy hasn't fought in over a year and a half." But for every Warner Wolf, Mike Lupica and Bert Sugar, there's a Bill Gallo, an Angelo Dundee, a Marv Albert and even a punch-drunk Muhammad Ali.

I also condemn some of them for bringing nastiness to the bout. Following Cooney's demented managers, Rappaport and Jones, the writers erroneously attributed racist attitudes to Larry Holmes. Anyone who follows ring history knows that whites first injected racism into the sport and that Holmes was merely acknowledging the disgrace of its continuance which was so blatantly manifested in the story-line of *Rocky III* and by the media's (*Time* Magazine, especially) tie-in of the two.

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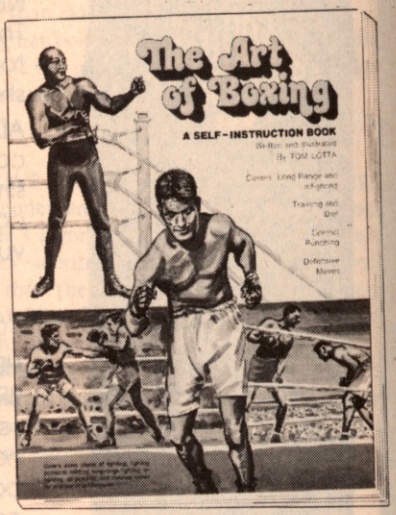

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A *That fight took place in Chicago on November 24, 1938*

Q Was George Chuvalo ever floored

—HOWARD HOFMANN

A *No. Oscar Bonavena almost threw him down a couple of times in their 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden on June 23, 1966, but that's the closest that George evr came to being decked. Neither Frazier nor George Foreman ever floored Chuvalo, although both men stopped him.*

Q Who was the first African to win a world title

—ROY ADEOYE

A *Battling Siki of Senegal, who won the world light heavy crown by knocking out Georges Carpentier in 1:10 of round six at the Velodrome Buffalo in Paris, France on September 24, 1922.*

Q Could you supply some information on Memphis Pal Moore?

—AL HESS

A *Thomas Wilson Moore was born in Kenton, Tenn.on July 28, 1894. Many consider him among the all-time greats of the bantamwieght division. He engaged in well over 200 bouts in a career that stretched from 1913 to 1933 against bouts the likes of Joe Lynch, whom he beat in Providence in 1918, Frankie Burns, Jack Sharkey, Eugene Criqui, whom he stopped in London in December, 1919, Carl Tremaine, Sammy Mandell, and Charles (Bud) Taylor. Moore died in Memphis on March 15, 1953.*

Q Was the Louis-Schmeling fight—the first one—scheduled for 12 rounds or 15

—JOE BERKOWITZ

A *15 rounds. It wasn't until after World War II that the 15-round distance was reserved for title contests.*

Q Please supply more information on Andre Sproul, the man Jack Johnson knocked out in Paris on November 28, 1913

—TONY T. BROWN

A *The Johnson-Sproul contest has been eliminated from The Ring Record Book* because it was a wrestling match, not a fight. Georges Carpentier, then 19 years of age but already a well-known French boxer, served as referee for p.r. purposes. Sproul was not a boxer.

Q How many times did Cisco Andrade face Joe Brown? Where is Andrade, and what is he doing now?

—ROLF LENNOX

A *Just once, for the title in the Olympic Auditorium in L.A. on October 28, 1960, Brown winning a unanimous decision. Don't know where Andrade is today.*

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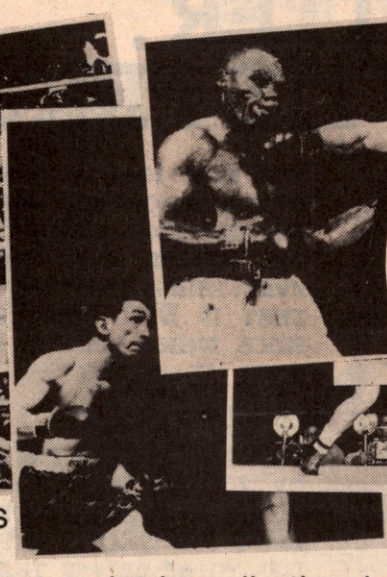

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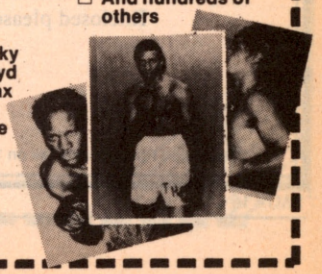

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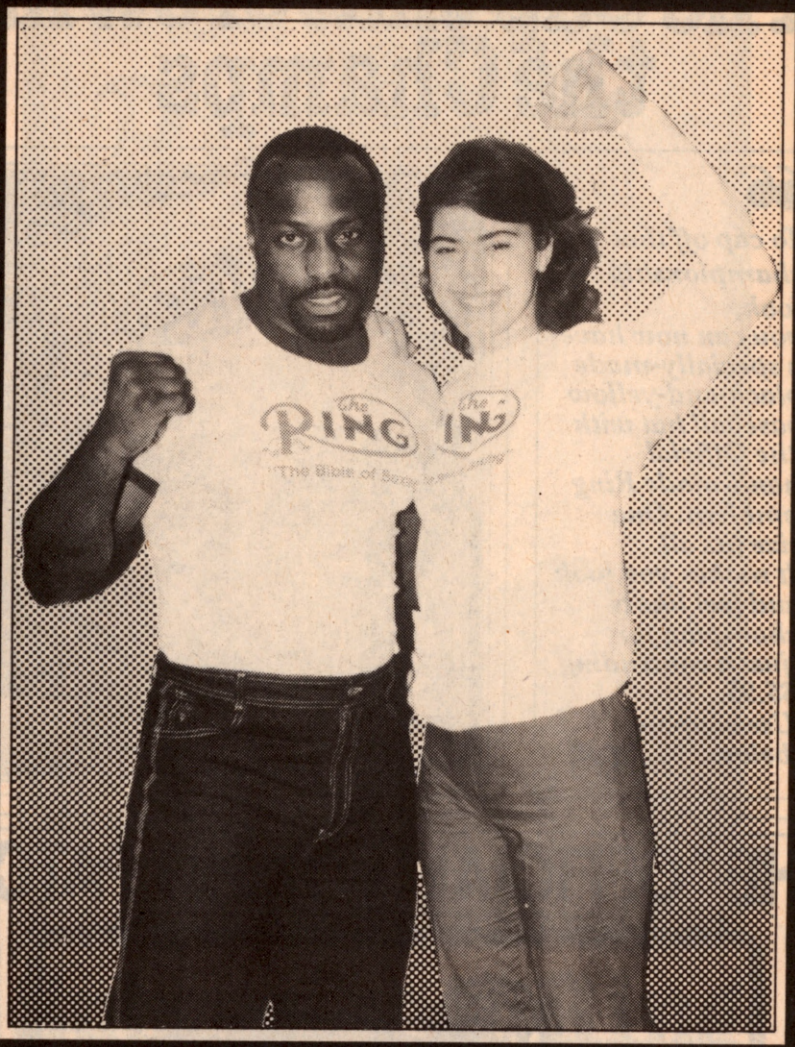
CHARLIE SPINA



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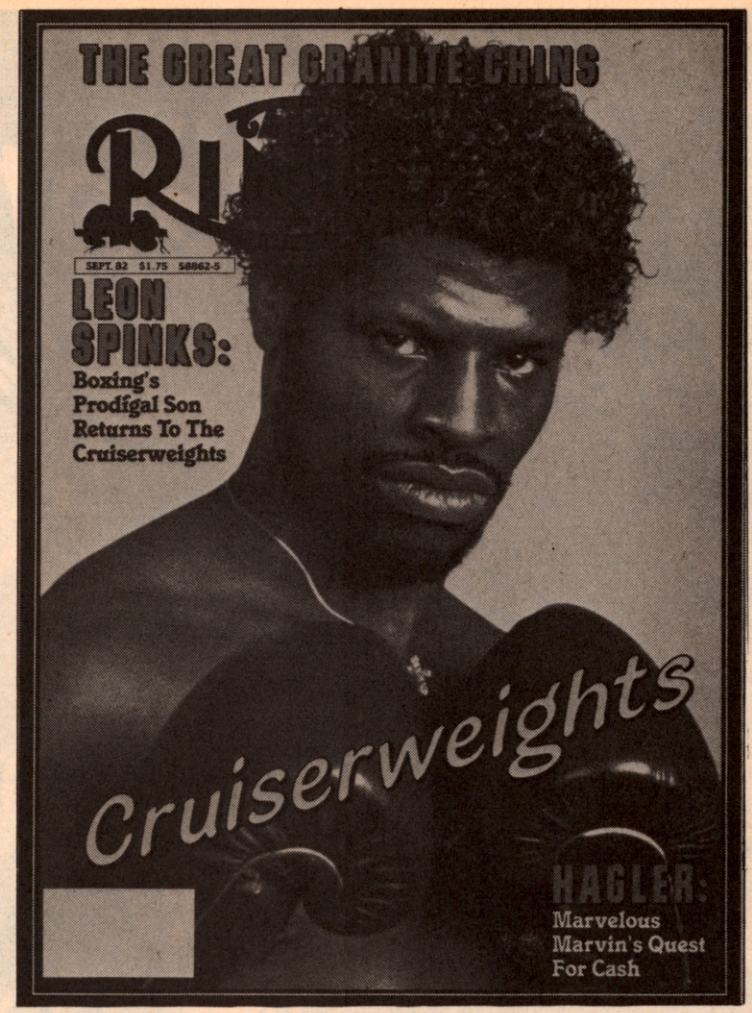

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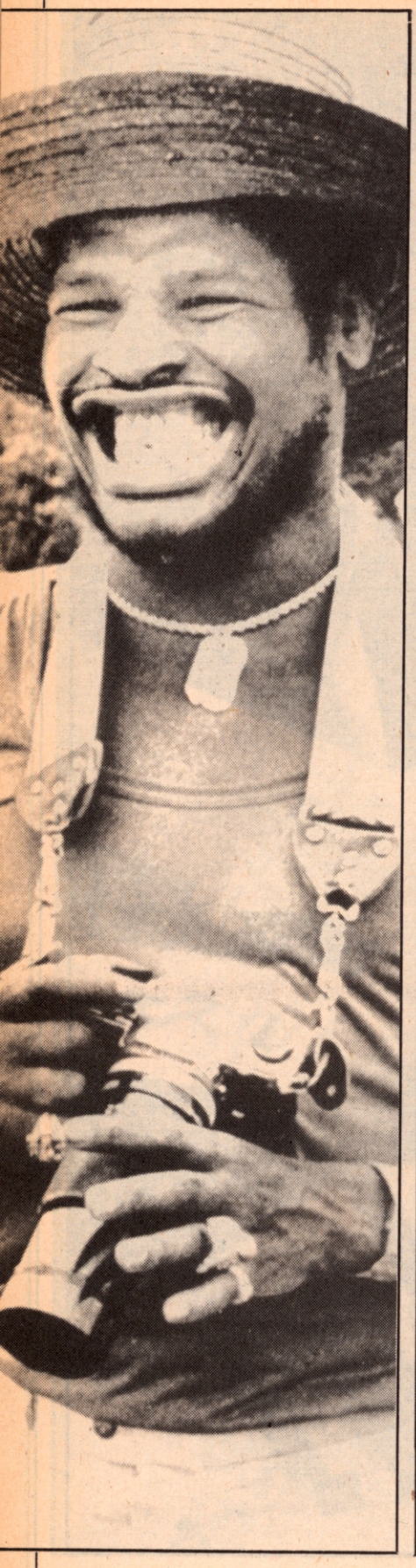

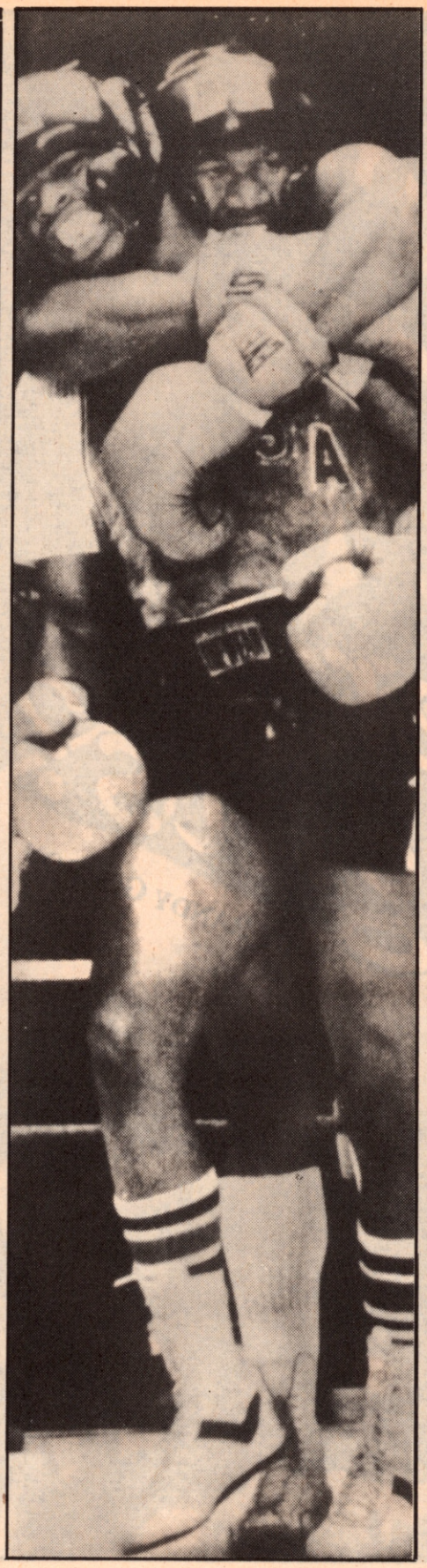

TO THE MILLIONS of people who awoke the morning of February 16, 1978, without knowing the news from the previous night, the day's top story was jolting and shocking in the manner of the death of a world leader or top personality. Muhammad Ali, the greatest heavyweight of this—and perhaps any other—time, had gone into his 11th title defense a prohibitive favorite and come out a loser. ¶ Ali, 36-years-old, had clowned and frittered the title away to an aggressive, tireless 24-year-old punching machine the world would soon come to look upon in wonderment, a man whose life in the fast lane made the Indianapolis 500 look like a go-cart race.

ALI NOT ONLY REGARDED HIS OPPONENT—who stepped into the ring with but seven pro bouts behind him—lightly, he didn't regard him at all. Ali had figured that "the kid would punch himself out by the eighth or ninth round." Ali figured wrong. "The kid" got tired, all right, but by the time he did, Ali had also. Ali came out blazing in the final round, hoping to knock his young tormentor out. To Ali's dismay—and to the shock of the world—the youngster stayed right with the great champion. Punch for punch they fought one of the great action rounds of the year. One of the scoring officials obviously couldn't believe all he'd seen. He allowed Ali to retain his title. The two other officials believed what they—and the world—had witnessed. They gave the fight to the challenger in only his eighth pro fight—the fewest fights any challenger ever had before winning a title. But he was still an unknown quantity.

"Who is Leon Spinks?" was the question of the day. His beaming, gap-toothed face covered the front and back page of virtually every newspaper in the world. Two of the three most uttered words in the world on February 16, 1978, were "Leon Spinks." The third was "Unbelievable."

In the weeks that followed, Spinks, who is as good-natured and friendly as a week-old puppy, allowed every hanger-on and lowlife in boxing to get next to him and have his say. They swarmed all over him much like ants on chocolate. Spinks, who had few friends as a youth in the ghetto of St. Louis' Pruitt Igoe Housing Project, believed he had finally learned how to win friends and influence people. He began to take advice, thinking people were only out for the good.The two people who mattered most—his mother, Kay, and his younger brother Michael—began to lose touch with the new heavyweight champion of the world.

"He wouldn't listen to a word I said," said Michael of his brother. "I tried to tell him, 'Lee, these people are no good. They only want your money. Can't you see that?' He said, 'I don't believe you. These people are my friends.' He knew I was telling him the truth, only he didn't want to believe it."

The heavyweight championship and new "friends" gave Leon a world he hadn't known before. Money. Fast cars. Late night parties which rapidly turned into early morning parties. Gambling. Booze. Drugs. Women. He was surrounded by every hedonistic pleasure man has ever known, and then some. He now had the power to make even his wildest dreams come true.

Between the time he won the title and the time he lost it (seven months), Spinks was arrested six times. They weren't Sonny Liston-type arrests. He didn't rob anyone at gunpoint. He didn't physically maul anyone. All six arrests took place with Spinks behind the wheel of a car. Speeding. Driving recklessly. Driving with no headlights. Driving with expired plates. Driving without a license. Heading the wrong way on a one-way street, etc., etc., etc. Found in the car on more than one occasion was something law enforcement officials call "contraband," something which covers a multitude of sins: drugs, cocaine, marijuana, etc. There were other occasions when Spinks was stopped not by police officers, but rather by things much tougher. And more immobile. A tree. A telephone pole. A brick wall. He splintered more Corvettes than Reggie Jackson has splintered bats. He became a favorite target for comedians in need of new material. Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show" monologue frequently contained jokes about Spinks, and the cast of "Saturday Night Live" also had their fun with him.

During his seven-month reign as champion, Spinks' naivety, lack of understanding of societal rules and new entourage caused him mental problems he had never known before. If life had been one big headache to Spinks before, it had now become an Excedrin number.

One example of how confused the young champion had become came during his preparation for the rematch with Ali. Trainer Sam Solomon had traveled to Hilton Head, South Carolina, where Spinks had set up training headquarters. Supposedly.

"He'd be there a few days, then, POOF!, he'd be gone!" said Solomon. We wouldn't hear from him for days. Then we'd find out the cops got him in Elyria, Ohio, or St. Louis or somewhere else."

During the rematch against Ali, confusion ruled in Spinks' corner. George Benton, who had devised Spinks' battle plan for the first Ali fight—keeping constant pressure on Ali and relentlessly pounding his left bicep, to nullify Ali's jab—walked out of Spinks' corner in the fifth round during the September 15th encounter in New Orleans.

"Every time I looked up I saw different faces in the corner," recalled Benton. "Every round there was a handful of new faces in there, every one telling Leon what to do and what not to do. I couldn't work like that so I packed my things." The decision was unanimous in favor of Ali. In his post-fight interview Spinks could only offer the lame excuse, "My mind wasn't on the fight."

Hours after the fight, Spinks was seen wandering around the lobby of the hotel where he and his entourage were guests. Only, Spinks was alone. He was a loser now. None of the entourage—all losers themselves—wanted anything to do with another loser. Spinks was lost and lonely. But he wasn't alone. There was still his mother and his brother.

"I sat down with Leon and we had a long talk," said Michael. "I said 'When you work hard, nobody can beat you. You did it in the Olympics, and you did it against Ali the first time. Do it again.' He seemed to want to get back on the right road." It only seemed that way. It was nine months before he was to fight again. His opponent: Gerrie Coetzee.

The date was June 24, 1979. Fighting in Monte Carlo, Spinks was battered to the floor three times before the fight ended in round one. Verbally abused by his mother in the dressing room after the fight, Spinks shouted, "Leave me alone, Mama. I lost, that's all." Now Leon was lost himself. He took to hiding. And to crying himself to sleep.

It was six months before Spinks fought again. On January 12, 1980, the former heavyweight champion struggled to knock out Alfredo Evangelista in the fifth round. Kay and Michael Spinks missed the fight because they spent too much time in their hotel room praying for Leon.

A draw against tough Eddie "The Animal" Lopez followed. Then came knockouts of Kevin Isaac and Bernardo Mercado.

The Mercado fight, which took place on the undercard of the Larry Holmes-Muham-

mad Ali fight, was a brutal affair, with Spinks winning on a ninth-round knockout. Two nights before the fight, Spinks was seen walking through the lobby of the Aladdin Hotel at 2 a.m. with his bodyguard, "Mr. T", who has since become known as the ruthless "Clubber Lang" in Rocky III. A white, powder-like substance was easily detectable around both of Spinks' nostrils. His entourage, his "friends," were back.

More head problems, trouble and embarrassment came Spinks' way. The low point of his career came in February, 1981. All Spinks remembers is walking out of a Detroit bar and feeling a "tap on the back of my head." When he awoke, he was in a hotel, stretched out on a bed. His gold-plated bridge was gone. So was his jewelry. So were his clothes. A borrowed trench coat enabled the defrocked Spinks to exit stage left and seek out the local authorities who spent much of their time seeking him. The only happy part of the incident was the postscript: Spinks' bridge was eventually found under the bed.

From there, Spinks went into training—serious training—for a title challenge against Larry Holmes. A well-conditioned Spinks stepped into the ring at 200¼ pounds. It didn't matter. A fired-up, primed Holmes stopped Spinks at 2:34 of the third round.

"I was too over-anxious," said a dejected Spinks. "I wanted to win so bad I left myself wide open." Spinks also stated after the fight "I really don't think I'm big enough to fight those big heavyweights. Some of them I know I can handle. But I'm not really a heavyweight. From now on, I'm dropping down to the cruiserweight division."

The cruiserweights, which have been labeled as everything from a joke to a lackluster division—one waq even intimating that the safest ways for a man on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List to escape detection are to become vice president of the United States, an offensive lineman in the NFL or a cruiserweight—desperately needs a star attraction. The question, plainly stated, is whether Leon Spinks is the one to lead this pathetic division out of the wilderness.

To find out, Don King launched his Don King Sports and Entertainment Network with Leon's debut as a cruiserweight last February 24th against Ivy Brown, a veteran journeyman at best. A bit rusty from his eight months of self-enforced inactivity, Spinks was forced to go 10 rounds against a man who had been knocked out eight times in his so-called career.

Whatever the critics thought—or didn't think, as the case may be—Leon was ecstatic. "I'm back!," beamed Spinks. "I like the way I feel as a 'cruiser,' and this is where I'm gonna be from now on."

But if, as Leon states it, it's where he's "gonna be," why isn't he there? No one can find him there. Or, for that matter, anywhere. For "Neon Leon" has once again, like the cruiserweight Canberra in the Falklands, slipped out of sight, maybe never to resurface again.

Once again the cruiserweights are left without an attraction. And if Leon's past efforts are any indication, having contaminated everything he's touched, sort of boxing's latter-day version of Typhoid Mary, then the cruiserweight division, once blessed by Leon's presence, is in big trouble.

As for Leon, if he doesn't get back into action soon, he may just have to become a bodyguard for "Clubber Lang," who has been on movie screens—along with Rocky Balboa—the most active fighter in the world. That is, if Leon can "keep his mind" on what he's doing long enough.

THIS MONTH'S SUBJECT — THE CRUISERWEIGHT DIVISION!
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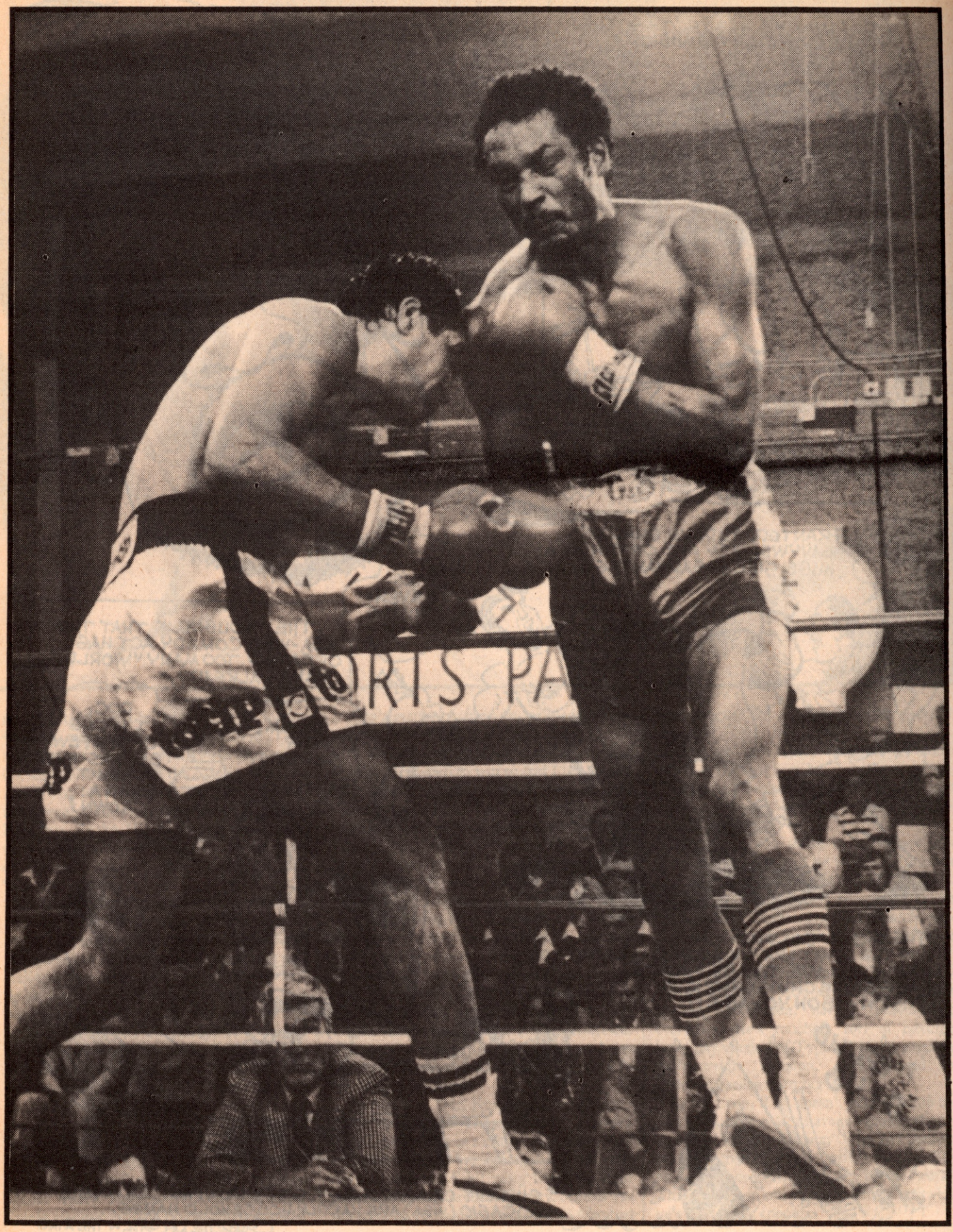


BACK IN July, 1981, Leon Spinks announced he was leaving the heavyweight division to campaign as a cruiserweight—that little division nestled not so snugly between the light heavyweights and heavyweights. The conqueror of Muhammad Ali, who only a month before had failed in a heavyweight title bid against Larry Holmes, said: "I'm trying to get a title back..." ¶ Spinks also said he was tired of spotting weight to opponents, like the 12 pounds he gave away to Holmes. It must be noted that Holmes spotted 12 pounds to Gerry Cooney in their title bout. ¶ Spotting weight has long been a source of argument among observers of the heavyweights, some contending it's an excuse for fighters short on ability.

BY ED SCHUYLER

(LEFT): Mate Parlov and Marvin Camel (right) try for a second time to clear up King of Cruiser Hill with Camel taking decision, March 31, 1980. Above: Parlov after defeating John Conteh, June 17, 1978. He lost crown in next bout.

WHAT IS BIGGER THAN A BREADBOX & SMALLER THAN A BATTLESHIP?

THE CRUISERWEIGHTS

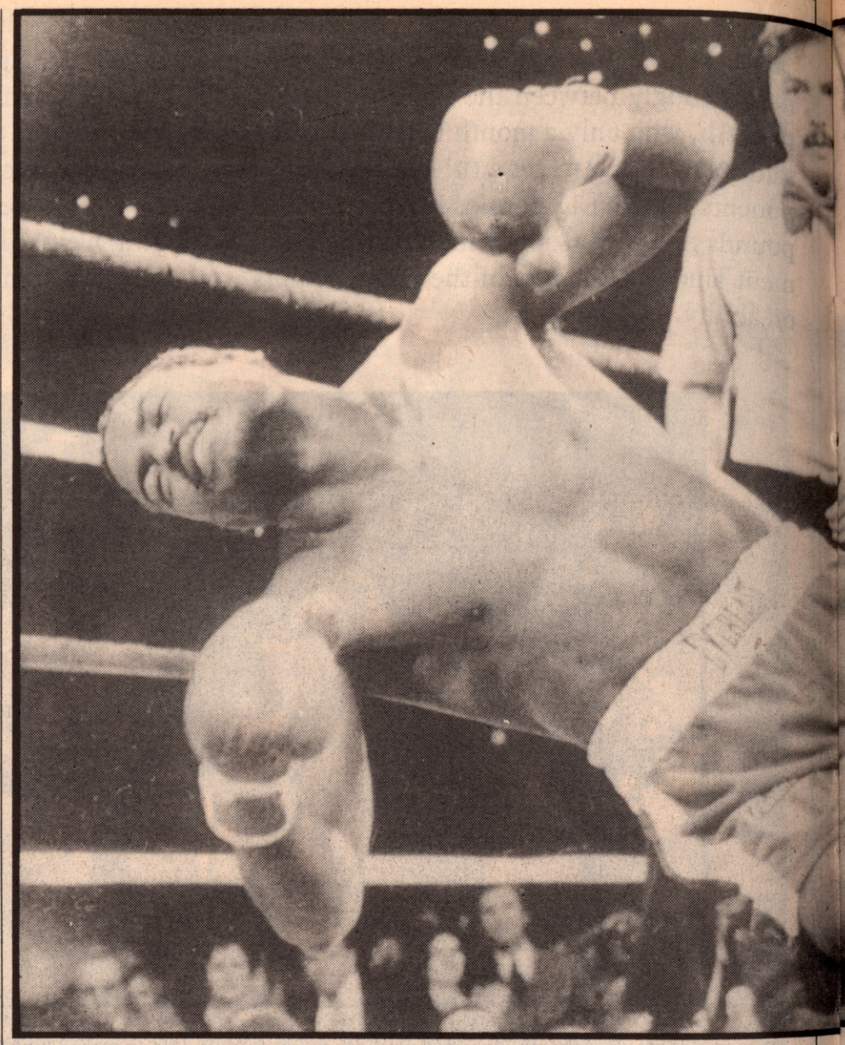
BACK IN 1902, THERE WERE ONLY FOUR weight divisions in American boxing: bantam, feather, middle and heavy, with the middleweight limit at 158 pounds.

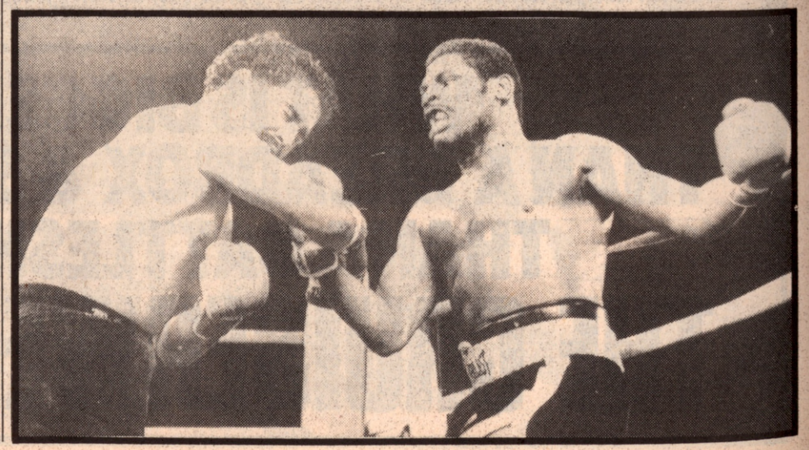
Lou Houseman, the manager of a smallish heavyweight named Jack Root, founded the light heavyweight division in 1903 so his fighter could hold a title. In 1914, England followed suit, but their 175-pound class was called cruiserweight.

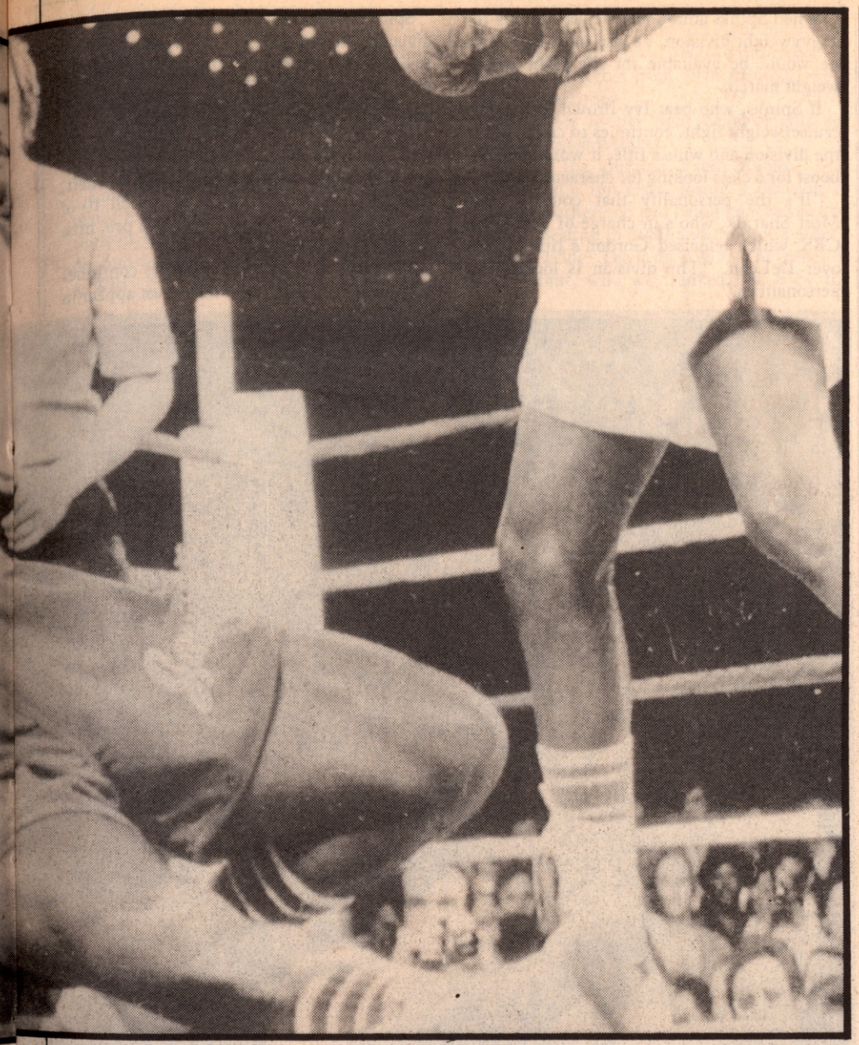
Since its inception the light heavyweight division has been ruled by some great fighters, but they have toiled often in the shadow of the quicker middleweights and the more powerful heavyweights. The third light heavyweight champion Bob Fitzsimmons gained the crown after he had lost the heavyweight title to Jim Jeffries.

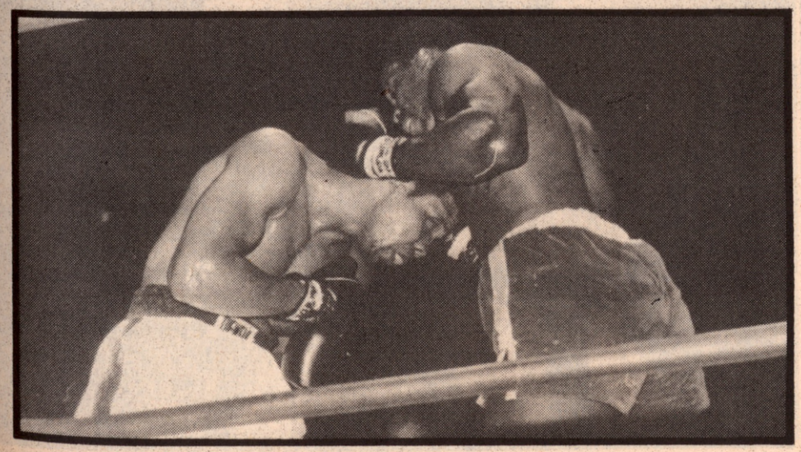
Several light heavyweight champions have attempted to win the heavyweight title and failed—Root, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Georges Carpentier, Tommy Loughran, Billy Conn, Gus Lesnevich, Archie Moore and Bob Foster.

The general belief is they failed because they just weren't natural heavyweights, although Lesnevich at 182 outweighed Ezzard Charles and Moore at 188 was only one-quarter pound lighter than Rocky Marciano for their bouts.









Now it has been decided that some heavyweights aren't natural light heavies or heavyweights. This decision was made by the WBC and WBA. And it's just fine with the TV networks who buy any title bout thrown their way.

In 1979, the World Boxing Council, led by Jose Sulaiman of Mexico, formed the cruiserweight division, with a weight limit of 190 pounds. The WBC chose not two small heavyweights, but two blown-up light heavyweights—Mate Parlov of Yugoslavia, former WBC light heavyweight champion, and Marvin Camel, a part Flathead Indian from Montana—to scrap for the first cruiserweight title.

The fight, held in Yugoslavia and shown on U.S. television, left the WBC cruiserweightless in its list of champions—the bout was a draw.

The WBC brought Parlov and Camel together again March 31, 1981, at Las Vegas, the night Larry Holmes kept the WBC heavyweight title against Leroy Jones in Vegas. On the same night Sugar Ray Leonard retained the WBC welterweight championship against Dave "Boy" Green at Landover, Md., Eddie Mustafa Muhammad won the WBA light heavyweight title from Marvin Johnson and Mike Weaver took the WBC heavyweight crown from John Tate at Knoxville, Tenn.

All the fights were on national television except Camel-Parlov. Camel won a decision in a fight that preceded the Holmes-Jones bout, but most members of the media at the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion missed it. They were in the pressroom watching the Weaver-Tate fight on television.

Even a bigger secret was Camel's title loss Nov. 25, 1980, at the New Orleans Superdome following Roberto Duran's quitting in the eighth round against Leonard. Most of the people had left by the time Camel was outpointed by Carlos "Sugar" DeLeon. Not one member of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission could be seen at ringside.

Meanwhile, it dawned on the powers-that-be at the WBA that they couldn't split a division they didn't recognize. So, they, too, formed a cruiserweight class, but, of course, called theirs the junior heavyweight division.

The WBC countered this by raising the cruiserweight limit to 195 pounds, making it all but impossible to unify the title. Confused? So were the fighters in the division. Apparently the WBC failed to notify DeLeon or

(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP): In pre-Cruiserweight days, Ossie Ocasio tries to take Larry Holmes heavyweight title with predictable results. Randy Stephens, seen here using his head, won '78 bout against Stan Ward. On the comeback trail after being KO'd by Coetzee, Spinks could do no better than draw with Animal Lopez. Cruiserweight contender John Odihambo.

S.T. Gordon of the increased limit in their gerrymandered division since DeLeon came in eight pounds under the limit and Gordon six pounds under when Gordon won the title on a second-round knockout last June 27.

The WBA, on a mission of mercy, saved Ossie Ocasio from further heavyweight harm by choosing him to fight for their junior heavyweight championship.

Ocasio was the Puerto Rican Rocky, except instead of punching sides of beef in a slaughterhouse, he was discovered by Bill Daly beating up dirty shirts in a laundry. Ocasio had challenged Holmes in 1979 and played yo-yo until Holmes cut the string in the seventh round. In 1980, Ocasio was knocked out in the first round by Michael Dokes. Then last year he proved there was definitely a place in the cruiserweight-junior heavyweight class for him when he was knocked out by John L. Gardner.

As an opponent for Ocasio, the WBA picked a piece of freight off the Bob Arum—South Africa pipeline—Robbie Williams. It was a shame because Williams obviously was improving as a mediocre heavyweight. In 1978 and 1979, he was twice knocked out by a blimp named Jimmy Abbott, then in 1980 and 1981 he scored two eight-round decisions over Abbott.

Ocasio won a split decision over Williams before a crowd of 25,000 in Johannesburg, showing how badly South Africans want a championship—*any* championship.

So we have a division, with two different weight limits, one champion who got clobbered in a bid for the heavyweight title and another, Gordon, who was disqualified for not fighting Gerry Cooney in 1978.

The general feeling about the division is summed up by Pablo Ramos, when asked recently what a cruiserweight was. He answered somewhat puzzled by the question and the classification: "You tell me."

Nevertheless, boxing's two top promoters, Arum and Don King, show an interest in the bastard division. Both have staged cruiserweight (from here on the division will be referred to as "cruiserweight") title fights, and both have solid contacts with the three major TV networks, who seem to like their weekend afternoon telecasts to feature title fights. Also, King has launched a sports-entertainment network and Arum has ties to cable television.

There is one problem, which Arum acknowledges, that could keep the division from achieving serious status. Cruiserweight champions or young fighters who demonstrate ability and flair will be lured to the heavyweight division and its much bigger purses—weight differences be damned.

Gordon had been champion for only a few minutes when he was telling people, "I want Larry Holmes or Mike Weaver. I want their big bucks. That's my dream."

When Spinks announced he was leaving the heavyweight division, he also let it be known he would be available for the right heavyweight match.

If Spinks, who beat Ivy Brown in his only cruiserweight fight, continues to campaign in the division and wins a title, it would be a big boost for a class looking for character.

"It's the personality that counts," said Mort Sharnik, who's in charge of boxing for CBS, which televised Gordon's title victory over DeLeon. "The division is looking for personalities."

Spinks is the only attention-getter in the division, in and out of the ring, although Leon would prefer less attention on the outside. S.T. Gordon, though, is a true power puncher and could develop a following.

After Spinks and Gordon, the division offers Young Joe Louis, 22-1, since 1975, with his best-known victim being Jesse Burnett, and Willie Edwards, who had won all 10 of his fights in 1981, his first year as a pro, nine of them by knockout.

Of course, one of the contenders continues to be Marvin Camel, who now must appear in public without the championship belt around his waist. The 31-year old Camel is a workmanlike pro, who split two ten-round decisions with Saad Muhammad in 1976.

In this division, most of the ranked fighters are at least in their late twenties. Two other senior contenders are 31-year old Alvaro "Yaqui" Lopez and the 36-year old Burnett.

Lopez was a top light heavyweight for many years, who lost two fifteen round decisions in WBA title bids against Victor Galindez and was knocked out in the 14th round of a WBC title bout by Saad Muhammad in 1980. Burnett was knocked out in the ninth round by Miguel Cuello in a fight for the vacant WBC light heavyweight title match in 1977. In 16 fights from 1978 through 1981, he lost nine times.

Too other former light heavyweights are ranking cruiserweights.

One is the puzzled Pablo Ramos, who wasn't quite top class, losing a decision to Murray Sutherland and being knocked out by Jerry Celestine in 1980 and dropping a decision to Eddie Davis in 1981. The other is Dale Grant, who was ranked No. 8 by the WBA in June. According to the 1982 *RING* Record Book there was no activity recorded for Grant in 1981. It also showed that beginning with a fifth-round knockout by Saad Muhammad in 1978, Grant lost four of six fights. Should Grant become active, he probably will move up in the rankings—way up if he wins!

Three former heavyweights who dropped to the cruiserweight rankings are: Randy Stephens, Willie "The Cannon" Shannon and Alfonzo Ratliff.

The 29-year-old Stephens was knocked out in the first round by Bernardo Mercado in 1977, in five by Ken Norton in 1978 and in three by Kallie Knoetzee in 1979. The 6-feet-4 Shannon suffered his first pro loss after 18 wins when he was knocked out in the third round by Camel last year. The 26-year-old Ratliff, who stands 6 feet 5, also suffered his first pro loss in 1981 when he was knocked out by Tim Witherspoon in the seventh round of his 14th fight.

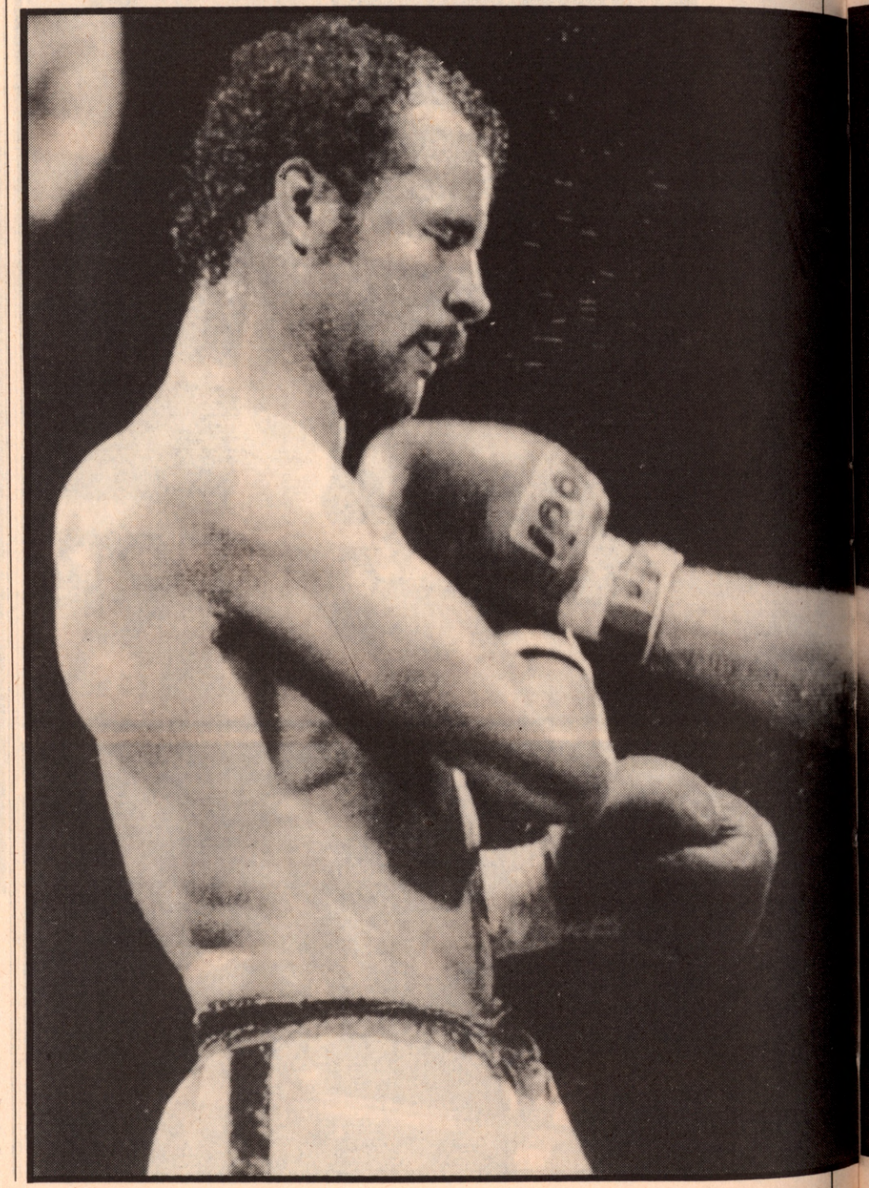
For contenders, these guys aren't exactly balls of fire.

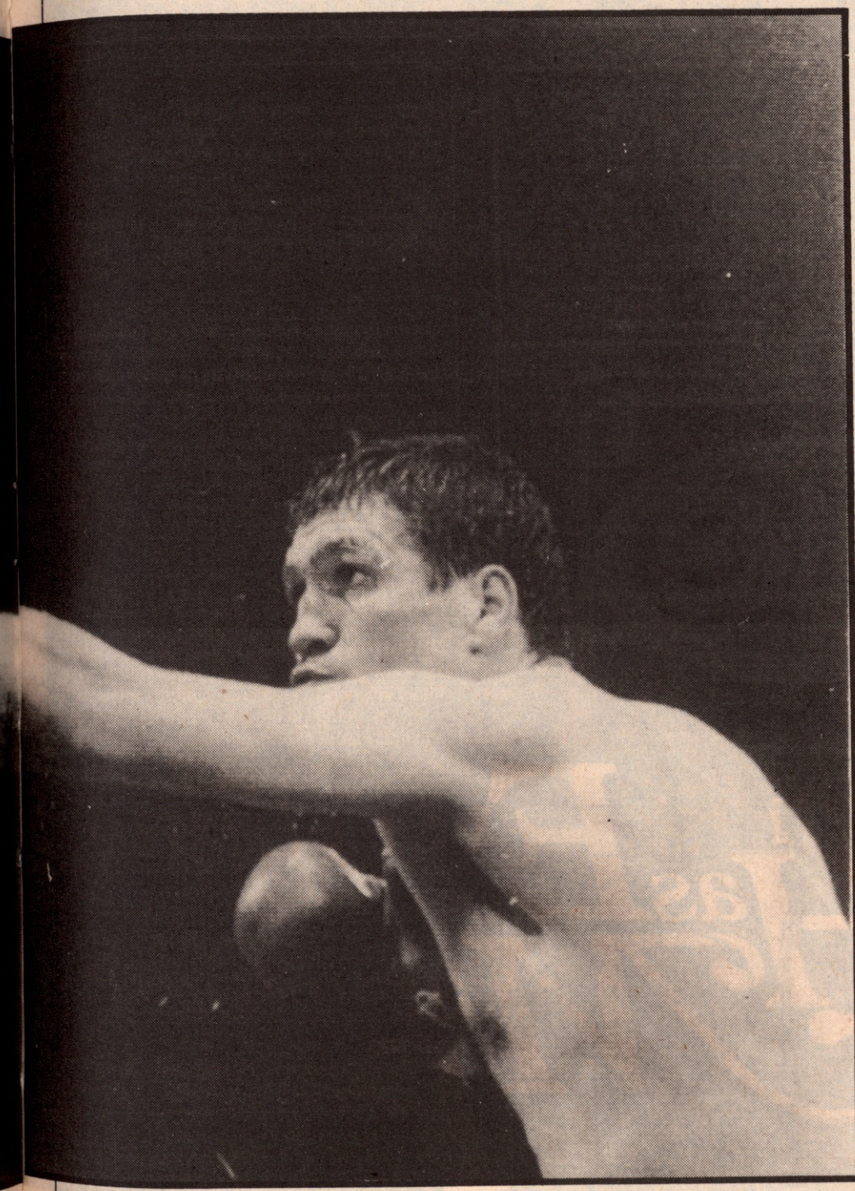
Even Sylvan Watbled of France, who was knocked out in six rounds by heavyweights Bunny Johnson and Lucien Rodriguez in 1978 and 1980, respectively, is ranked.

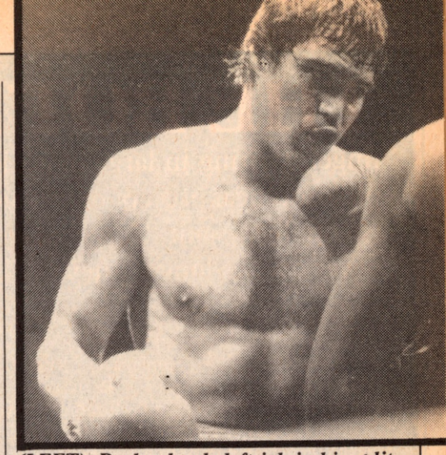
From Africa, besides Williams, stand—or sit, as the case may be—Nigerian Bashiru Ali, who lives in Los Angeles and John Odhiambo of Uganda. As a light heavyweight in 1978-79, his first two years as a pro, the 26-year-old Ali lost six of 11 fights. What did Odhiambo do to rate his ranking? Well, you have to rate a guy who fought Trevor Cattouse, even if he got knocked out in the second round.

There it is, the motly cruiserweight crew, a division which would probably fold if television cuts back on boxing, but there are no indications of that happening.

When you think of it, the cruiserweight division sure beats forming a junior-fleaweight class for ninety pounders.







(LEFT): Parlov lands left jab in his split decision win over Conteh. (ABOVE): South African Junior Heavy "threat" Robbie Williams.

Marvin Has Everything But A Marvelous Payday

THE BOTTOM line began to take shape in his brain one steamy afternoon in Las Vegas. Like a giant moving finger, writing in large block letters, it came through loud and clear. It was a variation of that philosophical precept once voiced by Dr. Yogi Berra when that celebrated spokesman of the existentialism said: "It's not over 'til it's over." For Marvin Hagler, that translated into: "It's never over as long as they can add and subtract."

BY JERRY IZENBERG

This was the afternoon that Hagler thought he had won the middleweight championship, a view shared by most people whose vision was no worse than, say, that of an overaged bat. As a result, Marvin had been rather casual during the last five minutes of his challenge to then champion Vito Anutofermo.

Since Las Vegas is a city where The House wants eveybody to go away happy, the judges seized on this excuse to order the referee to raise both fighter's hands in separate but highly unequal triumphs. The draw cost Marvin the title.

Patience, we are told, is its own reward, which is fortunate for Marvin because it took almost a year for him to set the record straight and win the title from a transient intermediary named Alan Minter.

Since that time, of course, Marvin has moved from huge-money match to huge-money match.

The word "from" is used advisedly. He has yet to be "in" one.

In a world where almost every title worth holding is herniated, fractured and subdivided by the strange logic which motivates the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Assn., Marvin Hagler owns one of a very few undisputed titles. He is also clearly the best 160-pound fighter on the planet with precious few challengers in view.

Nevertheless, if boxing as we know it today has a stepchild, his head is shaved, his skills are awesome and his name is Marvelous Marvin Hagler.

It does not help him at all that he is the only athlete since the original Olympic Games (and probably further back) who has been designated as "marvelous" by court order. As an aside it should be noted that there is some debate as to the spelling. The shepherds of his championship Pasture—a set of New England brothers named Pat and Gookie Petronelli—hung it on him as a nickname. Things being what they are in the land of the Cabots, the cod and the Boston Broad-A, they refer to him as "Mahvelous Mahvin Haglah."

Regardless of how you pronounce it, Marvin went into court and had his name changed almost as if to remind boxing's money-brokers that he is a man of more than a few skills.

In any event, the earth did not move with the announcement that Marvelous will put his lonely skill on exhibition in San Remo, Italy, in a title defense against a fellow named Fulgencio Obelmejias, which is just as well because two days later, Marvin bruised his ribs and that fight may be delayed.

This may also come as a shock to all three members of the Fulgencio Obelmejias fan club. He is a middleweight from Caracas, Venezuela, whose major credentials rest with the fact that he once managed to last nearly 24 ill-advised minutes in the same ring with Marvelous.

Who is Fulgencio and what is he doing renewing this old affair with Marvin? The answer is relatively unimportant. It is not who Fulgencio Obelmejias is that is the story here. It is who he is not.

He is not, for example, Thomas Hearns. He is not Sugar Ray Leonard. He is not Wilfred Benitez. In short, he is not a fellow with whom Marvin can make an enormous sum of money.

Hearns, of course, suffered a variety of ailments, which ran the gamut from digital to climatic in pulling out his scheduled match with Hagler. Leonard, before his eye problems, indicated that he might fight Marvin but there was the matter of weight. Cynics say that Leonard would like Marvin to come in at 107 pounds with a fever. This is unkind. But it is clear that if such a fight ever took place—and the odds are obviously against it for a variety of reasons—the Leonard people would want Marvin at no more that 154 pounds.

"I don't plan on that. I'm the middleweight champion of the world," he says. "It's a title that means something in prestige and I intend to behave like the champion. The only thing is, I just wish it could mean a lot more in terms of money."

Hagler's problem is compounded by the fact that Benitez and Hearns will probably wind up fighting each other at 154 pounds. Moving up a weight notch to light heavyweight makes no sense for him. Coming down to junior middle is equally pointless unless he finally surrenders for the money.

That leaves him people like Fulgencio Obelmejias who are no match for his skills and no incentive to his bank account. Until somebody who can punch and happens to weigh in at 160 pounds comes along, he will remain a victim of his own excellence.

FINISH
START
THE MONEY IS HERE SOMEWHERE! I CAN SENSE IT!

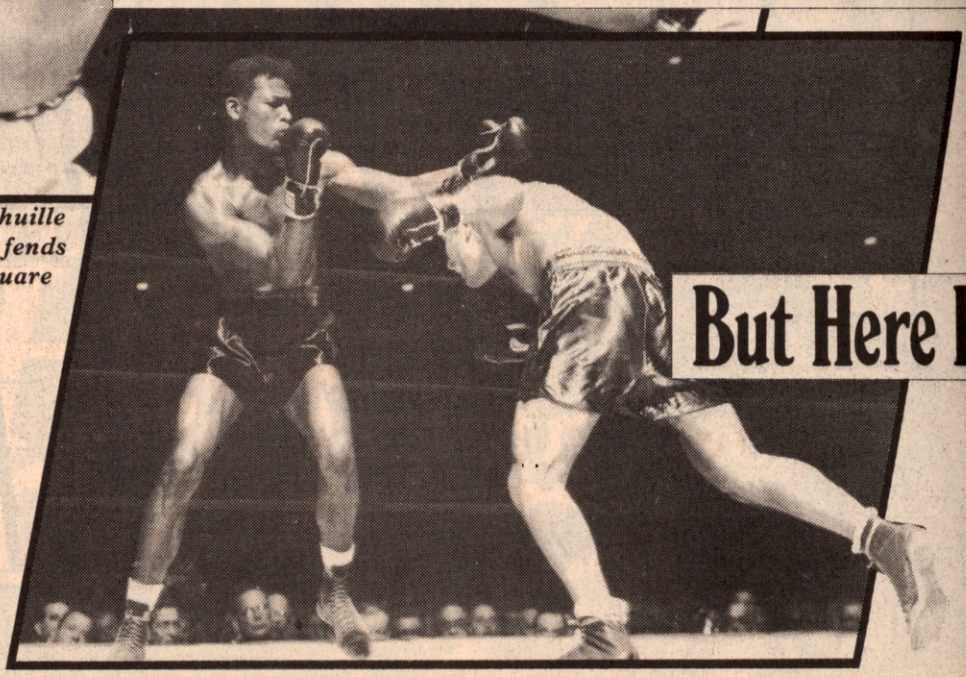
WHEN A FIGHTER is lauded for having a "good chin," the praise is intended not to indicate that the jaw is good necessarily as an instrument for chomping steak, growing whiskers or framing words in praise of himself. Can the jaw take a punch? Or, to put it in a more scientific way, is it especially useful as a device for measuring the kinetic energy in an enemy's fist? ¶ So profound a question does not come out of the blue. In this instance it arises from a comment made by Gil Clancy, the old CBS spieler, during Leroy Haley's recent WBC junior welterweight victory over Saoul Mamby.

BY BARNEY NAGLER

Boxing Has Had More Great Chins

Than The Chinese Phone Book...

Jake LaMotta and Laurent Dauthuille exchange lefts. Ray Robinson defends against LaMotta at Madison Square Garden on October 2, 1942.



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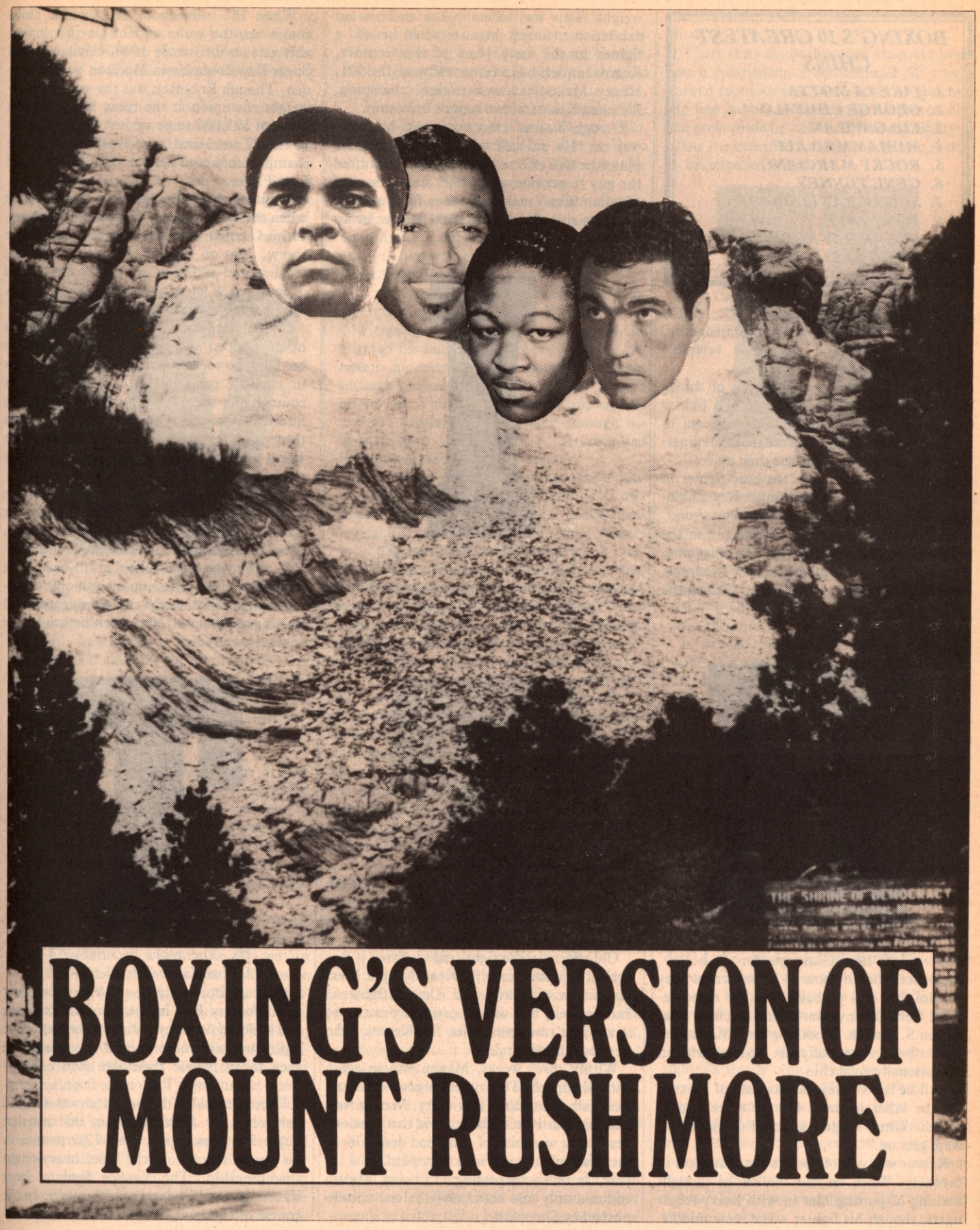


BOXING'S VERSION OF MOUNT RUSHMORE

BOXING'S 10 GREATEST CHINS

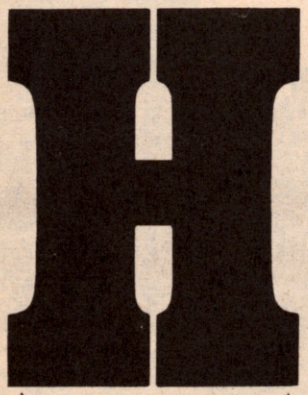
1. *JAKE LA MOTTA*
2. *GEORGE CHUVALO*
3. *KID GAVILAN*
4. *MUHAMMAD ALI*
5. *ROCKY MARCIANO*
6. *GENE TUNNEY*
7. *SUGAR RAY LEONARD*
8. *TONY ZALE*
9. *SUGAR RAY ROBINSON*
10. *HUGO KELLY*

BECAUSE MAMBY HAD NOT BEEN knocked out in a dozen years of campaigning, Clancy indicated that the Bronx veteran's chin was one of the rocks of this age.

There followed a remembrance of things past. How often has it been said of a fighter that he can take a punch? They all can, to some degree, though some are more invulnerable to a blow to the whiskers than others.

Remembered quickly is the only fighter in all creation to have beaten Sugar Ray Robinson, Jersey Joe Walcott *and* Floyd Patterson.

Joey Maxim came out of Cleveland in the 40's and was managed by Jack Kearns, who, in earlier days, had managed Jack Dempsey, the Manassa Mauler, and Mickey Walker, the Toy Bulldog.



History has forgotten how Giuseppe Antonio Berardinelli came to be known as Joey Maxim, but it is probable that the name derived from the inventor of the machine gun, Hiram S. Maxim. If nothing else, Maxim the fighter had an especially fast jab to go with an exceptionally good chin.

"All he lacks" Kearns once said of Maxim, "is the killer instinct. But he takes a good punch. When he gets knocked down, he always gets up."

Kearns was one of the bravest managers in captivity. When he had Walker he thought nothing of putting him in with heavyweight tigers, though his fighter was a mere middleweight. This was taken in the trade as an exhibition in irony, because when he was a fighter in the early years of this century, Kearns himself had a rather soft jaw. In 1901, Honey Mellody, a welterweight champion, flattened Kearns in two rounds in Boston.

Though Kearns' chin was weak, his heart was not. He pursued with Maxim the same policy he had effected with Walker. "Stuffed the guy to get him over '75," Kearns said of Maxim. "Can't make no money fighting light heavyweights. He's got to make believe he's a heavyweight."

In 1943, Curtis Sheppard was regarded as an executioner among heavyweights. Known as "The Hatchet Man," Sheppard was an exponent of pugilistic concision. He was a sharp, fast puncher who was said to be so destructive, Joe Louis' faction would not allow the Brown Bomber to mix with him.

Sheppard did not scare Kearns. The manager "made" Maxim with Sheppard in Cleveland. "I got a chin as good as the Rock of Gibraltar," Kearns said, not allowing Maxim even a share in the pronoun. In the ring with Sheppard, however, Maxim's chin was on its own. "The Hatchet Man" flattened Maxim in the first round. Kearns did not say Sheppard knocked *him* out. He said instead, "Sheppard knocked out Maxim."

Then, rushing to the dressing room in the old Cleveland Arena, Kearns proved his bravery by whispering to Maxim, "Don't worry, Joey. I'll get him back for you."

Old-timers in the fight trade insisted it was against common sense for Kearns to put Maxim back in with Sheppard. Once a fighter is knocked out, it is sound, prudent practice to ignore the tormentor. Not for Kearns, who went against the grain.

Within three weeks, Maxim was in again with Sheppard. This time his good chin and swift jabs were allied in victory. Maxim took a decision in 10 rounds to prove that carelessness, not a weakness of chin, had done him in the first time around with Sheppard. In a 17-year career, encompassing 115 bouts, Maxim endured only one knockout—the one accomplished by Sheppard.

When the subject of rock-bound chins comes up, the name of Kid Gavilan invariably gets on the list. In 1948, Gavilan fought Sugar Ray Robinson in Madison Square Garden. Though Robinson was the world welterweight champion at the time, he accepted a purse of $25,000 to go against Gavilan in the 10-round semi-final to a world lightweight championship bout between Ike Williams and Jesse Flores.

Robinson beat Gavilan on a decision, but when the fight was over he was moved to say, "I hit Gavilan with the hardest punch I ever threw, right on the jaw. He just stood there for a second and then came after me. Would of knocked a lot of guys out. Not Gavilan. He's got the best chin around.

In the course of 143 bouts, Gavilan was never stopped and seldom down. People in boxing who reemember him speak of his jaw in awe. He came out of the game with his countenance scrambled, but the jaw remains intact. Undamaged by the numerous rocks thrown at it, it still frames in Spanish the words of a proud warrior who believes he was one of the best—which he was.

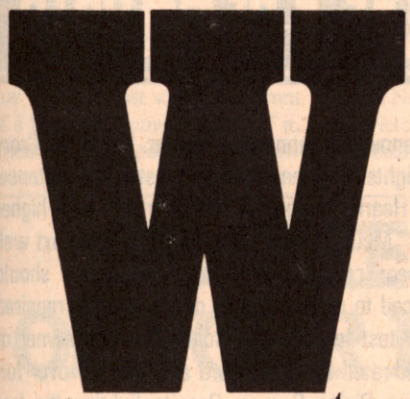
Robinson himself had great absorptive powers. Not until the late years of his career did he really take punches flush on the jaw. Most of the time he was moving, getting inside or outside blows aimed at his head. Like Muhammad Ali after him, he was able to parlay a superb pair of legs and considerable skill into a great defense. Yet, when he was hit, he seldom wavered.

The night he finally won the world welterweight championship in a title-deciding bout with Tommy Bell in the Garden, Robinson was knocked down by a sharp right hand. The fight took plce more than 35 years ago, but even today people remember Bell only because he put Sugar Ray on the floor.

Robinson had 201 bouts and was stopped only once, by Maxim, but in that instance Sugar Ray was giving away 12½ pounds in his quest for the world light heavyweight championship. The Yankee Stadium bout was fought in 100-degree temperature. In the course of the bout, Ruby Goldstein, the ref-

eree, collapsed from the heat. In fact, the fight, postponed for two days because of rain, took place finally on the warmest June 25 in the history of the New York City Weather Bureau.

Robinson weighed 157½ pounds to Maxim's 173, but in the course of the bout each must have lost 10 pounds. The sweat rolled down their hides in rivulets. Robinson was leading through the 10th round. But by the 13th he was walking on eggs, dreading to put his feet down. Then Robinson, the flawless boxer, swung wildly and fell on his face.



When he arose, Robinson was backed into the ropes and hit by Maxim. The round ended and Robinson's faction, led by George Gainford, half-dragged, half-carried him to his corner. He couldn't get off the stool at the end of the one-minute rest period. The great middleweight's chin had resisted the punches of a light heavyweight, but the heat had proved too much. Maxim was declared the winner in the 14th round.

Joe Louis was Robinson's close friend. Louis was often off his feet in the ring. Max Schmeling knocked him down and out in their first bout. Jimmy Braddock took Louis off his feet in the bout in which Louis won the championship. Even Tony Galento put Louis on his back. Did that mean that Louis' jaw was less than sturdy?

Perhaps, but it has long been held in boxing that the test is not whether a fighter stands up under a punch but whether he can get up from the floor. By that standard Louis can be said to have had a sturdy chin. Only Schmeling and Rocky Marciano knocked out Louis. Louis atoned for his knockout by Schmeling, but never went back with Marciano, who ended the Brown Bomber's career on a sad and humiliating note.

Louis himself tasted the chin of one of the toughest heavyweights of all. Until he went into the ring with Louis, Paolino Uzcudun, who was called The Bounding Basque, had gone through a dozen years without being knocked out. When he was hired to test the young Joe Louis in 1935, boxing writers suggested that he had the best jaw in boxing.

Harry Markson, who later became the director of boxing in Madison Square Garden, was a fight writer on *The Bronx Home News* at the time. Markson was asked about Uzcudun.

"He was tough," Markson said. "He wasn't a great fighter, but he had a great chin. He went 20 rounds with Max Baer in Reno and went 15 rounds with Max Schmeling. He was a real test for the young Louis."

The fight took place in Madison Square Garden and Uzcudun, fighting in a crouch, neutralized Louis' smashing punches by crossing his arms in front of his face as he advanced into the valley of death.

In the fourth round, Uzcudun relaxed for one brief, inglorious moment. Needing a window through which he could see Louis, he lowered his left arm and opened a space between his arms. Louis smashed a right through the aperture and it caught Uzcudun on the jaw. The force of the blow was so great it drove Uzcudun's front teeth through his lips. He went down and out. A hard rock had been pulverized by a great hammer.

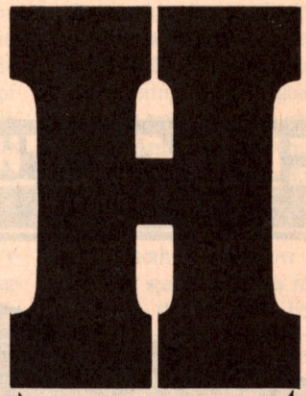
Why can one fighter or another take a punch, while others cannot? There are two theories advanced in this regard: one psychological, the other physiological. Some trainers insist that a fighter who cannot think positively cannot withstand a blow to the jaw. Others say it is a matter of muscular development. A fighter with well-developed neck muscles can absorb a blow with less damage than a thin-necked gladiator.

This has much to do with the nervous system, and only a fool would indulge in conjecture best conceded to the medical field. Even medicine cannot answer the question, perhaps because it is only an intuitive art and not a science certain.

In the unscientific view of this department, pride has a great deal to do with a fighter's ability to take a punch. Call it arrogance, if you will.

Jake LaMotta could not be budged in the ring if he did not want to be moved. When LaMotta let Billy Fox stop him in four rounds in a fake fight, he did not go down and later boasted, "Well, at least I wasn't on the floor."

There is no doubt that such excessive pride was a component of Muhammad Ali's well-earned reputation as an absorber of punches. He had hubris, to be sure, but together with the great pride he had the speed and agility to offset the intended damage and kinetic energy in his opponents' fists.



He took punches he did not need to take, only because he believed in his own immortality. In the end, however, it was his legs that did him in. Unable to move with agility and incapable of responding with his own firepower, he was finished. The jaw that had launched a thousand quips remained his steadfast ally, but in all other departments he was deficient.

It will be remembered that Ken Norton broke Ali's jaw in San Diego in 1973. Unable to box, he courted health at Deer Lake, Pa., for quite a time. Finaly, when he was matched to fight Norton a second time, he exposed his mandible to a sparring partner. The mended jaw proved sturdy. Ali went back to chomping collard greens and shouting "I am the greatest."

He was not, of course, and now that he is through with the ring he conveys the impression that his great jaw took too many punches. It long has been the opinion here that a good jaw often causes a fighter's downfall in the long run. Fighters with good chins tend to take worse beatings than the ones with weak jaws. Blow after blow is landed without rendering the solid-jawed gladiators knockout victims. Finally, when their careers are over, the ones with granite chins find it difficult to ambulate. And even more difficult to speak clearly. It is a hazard of the trade.

Yet manager after manager boasts of his fighter's sturdy chin. When he was running boxing in the Garden, Harry Markson got a postcard from a midwestern manager.

It said, "My fighter has every ingredient to be a champion. He has been the recipient of a murderous punch from either hand and punches roll off his chin like a duck takes to water." Stop that metaphor! But not with your chin, please.

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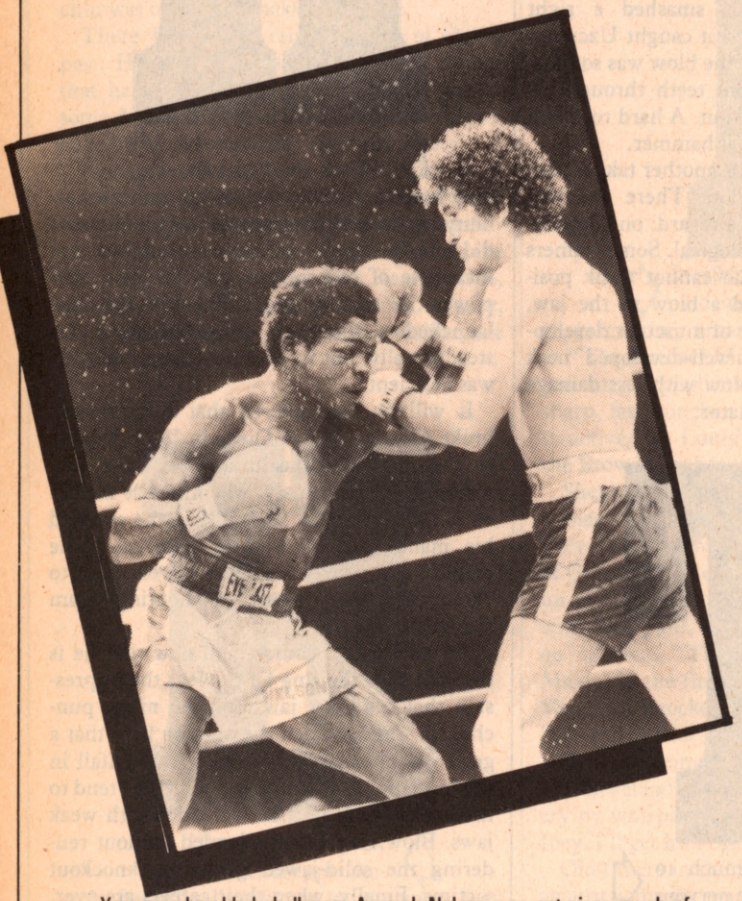
FIGHT OF THE MONTH



Young, unheralded challenger Azumah Nelson was not given much of a chance to beat Salvador Sanchez, who was making the ninth defense of his world featherweight title. But no one told Nelson. From the opening bell he attacked the slight Sanchez, respecting him as if he were no more than a preliminary Golden Gloves opponent. Nelson attacked Sanchez as no challenger ever had and for 14 rounds got away with it. Going into the 15th, one of the three officials had Nelson slightly in the lead. The other two had it close, but for the champion. Sanchez met the battered but still willing challenger head on in the 15th, and rocked him with a volley of blows. At 1:49 of the round, the referee called a halt to what 5,500 fans in Madison Square Garden knew had just been the "Fight of the Month"—if not the year.

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

The buildup alone was enough to unnerve a fighter. Milton McCrory had won 18 consecutive fights. Only one man had lasted the distance. With stablemate Thomas Hearns hunting a championship in a higher weight class, "The Iceman" McCrory was being touted as the next welterweight champion, a near certainty to become champion should Sugar Ray Leonard be forced to retire because of his recently repaired retina. McCrory's toughest test to date was Roger Stafford, owner of two victories against world-rated Kevin Howard and another over former welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas. Despite fighting the last two rounds with a damaged and painfully swollen right hand, McCrory danced and punched his way to a decision, moving to the head of the welterweight class, upping his record to 19-0 and becoming *Ring*'s "Fighter of the Month."

FLETCHER-JACKSON
USBA Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—For pure, unadulterated brutality, this one was hard to top. For 12 barbaric rounds of mayhem, Frank (The Animal) Fletcher and Clint (The Executioner) Jackson tried their level best to put one another in intensive care. When it was over, Fletcher was still the USBA middleweight champion, but, once again, he paid a terrible price for his triumph. His right eye, cut in three places, was swollen shut at the conclusion, his lip shredded and puffy. In short, he looked like a guy who had just stepped in front of a bus. But, come to think of it, Frank would outpoint the bus, too.

The exacting victory earned Fletcher an autumn crack at Hagler.

"We were offered the Hagler fight a week ago, with the stipulation that he beat Jackson," said Russell Peltz, Fletcher's promoter. "Hagler is suposed to fight Fulgencio Obelmejias in July and then fight Frankie the first week of October."

Fletcher was forced to call upon all of his animalistic attributes to win this one. He fought like a battle-crazed soldier wading through a hail of bullets to knock out a machine-gun nest. Only this time, the bullets were encased in leather and the machine gun was an ex-sheriff from Nashville.

Fletcher, 158½, got right down to business in the opening round, taking the fight to his fellow southpaw in no uncertain terms. If Clint entertained any ideas of boxing, they were quickly abandoned. When you fight The Animal, it's fish or cut bait. There's no time for any fancy stuff.

Frank deals in pressure; lots of it. Over the first two sessions he forced Jackson, a slender 154½, into the ropes and pounded away with impunity. Hooks from both sides slammed home like incoming mortar rounds. It looked, momentarily, like Fletcher might just blow his challenger away early. Jackson, however, is no bum. He came to fight.

And fight he did, using everything at his disposal in a valiant attempt to tame the snarling fury that was trying to annihilate him. He jarred Frank with a right in the third and then really hurt him with an electrifying combo in the fourth; a left and right both finding his face.

Fletcher fell back into the ropes, probably the only thing that kept him from falling. Jackson leaped to the attack, going for the kill. Clint was one of the few members of the 1976 U.S. Olympic team who didn't bring home a gold medal and this was his big chance.

The Animal's legs were definitely out to lunch. He struggled desperately to regain his equilibrium as Jackson cut loose with one shot after another. Somehow he rode out the storm and was incredibly back on the offensive before the

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bell, spitting blood as he charged.

At one point in the fifth, Fletcher pinned Jackson on the ropes and landed over 30 unanswered punches. Clint swayed precariously a couple of times, but never succumbed, slowly gathering himself for the closing rally that started the blood flowing from Frank's right eye. The wound was to grow progressively worse as the war proceeded, and become Jackson's second chance to win.

"It was bad, really bad," admitted Fletcher's cutman, Percy Richardson. "A lot worse than what happened to him against (Ernie) Singletary."

Doctor Frank B. Doggett of the New Jersey Athletic Commission inspected the cut several times between rounds, but permitted the fight to continue—a tribute, in part, to Richardson's handiwork. In all likelihood, a battle of less import would have been stopped.

Fletcher set an awesome pace. In sheer volume, he makes Aaron Pryor look like a piker. This, in essence, was the key to his success. It mattered little if Jackson speared him well and often. The Animal never wavered from his task, and his phenomenal work-rate wore down his adversary, piece by piece.

There were times when Jackson tried to move the action to the outside, but as sure as death and taxes, Fletcher would find a way to hustle him back to the ropes. He was like a man possessed, punching between punches to keep his target in place, doggedly blocking every avenue of escape.

Although some of the zip was gone down the stretch, the two men never stopped throwing punches. There was a grotesque beauty to their struggle. It was as if each man's courage fed on the other's refusal to quit, and it was a no-holds-barred throwdown until the final bell.

The decision was unanimous. Judges Richard F. Murray and Harold Lederman went for Fletcher, 8-3-1 and 7-4-1, respectively. Referee Arthur Mercante also voted Frank by a closer 7-5 margin. *The Ring* agreed, giving The Animal a 6-4-2 advantage.

Jackson (now 18-2, 14 kayoes) may have lost the fight, but he gained a ton of respect.

"We're gonna rest him for a while," said Dave Zimmerman, Clint's trainer. "Then we're gonna try and get him a fight with a top 10 junior middleweight. That's where he should be fighting. Middleweight's a little over his head."

Fletcher (now 14-2-1, 10 kayoes) saved his last measure of bravado for the press.

"Y'all call my fights wars. I don't call 'em that. They're just fights to me. I do what I have to do. I haven't had a war yet. My war is when I meet the middleweight champion of the world. I'm going for broke in that one." We can hardly wait.

Experience overcame youth in the brisk semi-final when veteran Pete Seward, 149½, Columbus, Ohio, scored a majjority decision over Calvin (Pop) Porter, 148, Phila., in a hard-fought 10. Scores were 5-4-1 (twice) and a 5-5 draw. Porter landed some bombs early, but faded when Seward started putting together punches to both the head and body. The fight earned a big hand from the crowd.

Willie Ray Taylor, 163¼, Charlotte, N.C., won a majority decision over comebacker Jerome (Silky) Jackson, 161¾, Phila., eight.

Jamal Johnson, 164, Phila., scored a split decision over Nasir Ali, 162, Phila., four.

The main event was televised live from the Sands Hotel Casino over NBC-TV.

Alternate Referee—Joe Cortez.

Timekeeper—Roy Johnson.

Promoter—Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.

Attendance—800 (est.).

(06-20-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

CANIZALEZ-ROSARIO
USBA Bantamweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—A new bantamweight star has arrived. He's Gaby Canizalez, who came roaring out of the border town of Laredo to destroy Diego Rosario with a fifth round tehcnical knockout at Resorts Superstar Theatre. The unheralded Tex-Mex delivered a dynamic performance, taking the classy Rosario completely by surprise and annexing the USBA bantamweight belt in the process. The stunning upset prompted many to speculate about the possibility of a world title fight for Gaby in the near future.

"He might be good enough to fight Jeff Chandler," said Canizalez's manager, Luis Mendoza. "But I don't want to rush him. In six months, I would rather fight Lupe Pintor. Chandler is more experienced than Pintor and has more knockout power." (This will be news to Lupe, I'm sure.)

Ironically, Canizalez was not even supposed to fight Rosario in the first place. His golden opportunity came when former champ Johnny Carter relinquished the title rather than face Rosario in the manditory defense. Although Carter blamed weight making difficulties, most observers felt that he simply didn't want another tough fight immediately following his knockout loss to Chandler—especially since Diego had given him fits the first time they met.

Canizalez jumped at the chance to fill in, coming in on two weeks notice to score the biggest win of his (20-1, 16 kayoes) career. He had toiled too long in anonymity to pass up the opportunity.

"I just couldn't get the opportunity to fight name guys," said Gaby. "I guess they didn't know me or they looked at my record. I wasn't upset about it, I knew sooner or later my chance would come."

Canizales, 116, impressed everyone with his balanced blend of two-fisted aggression. It was obvious from the opening bell that he had come to win. Rosario, considered a fine prospect in his own right, made the fatal mistake of mixing it up.

"In one of the early rounds, he hit me with a real good shot," explained Rosario. "I got mad and wanted to show him that I could punch too. That was my mistake." Was it ever!

Rosario can punch all right, but not in Canizalez's league. The fight was decided the moment Diego turned slugger. His *macho* instinct provided the viewers with a thrilling punch-up, but also sealed his fate. Toe-to-toe, Gaby was the boss.

Both landed well and often. The fourth round was particularly torrid, with first one, and then the other, taking the initiative. Finally, Rosario's mouth piece went flying and from then on, Canizalez dominated, his body shots driving home with strength-sapping authority.

A whistling right to the gut forced Rosario, 114, into an unorganized rout in the fifth. Canizalez wasted no time letting fly with a barrage of heavy leather that culminated with a right uppercut that dropped Diego in a neutral corner.

Hurt and dazed, Rosario bravely beat the count. It was only a matter of seconds before Canizalez was on him again, raining punches at his unprotected hand. Referee Vincent Rainone jumped in at 2:08, just as another flurry knocked the loser into the ropes.

"In the fifth round, he hit me with a wild right. That's when I got in trouble," remembered Rosario. "He's a good prospect, real good."

We couldn't agree more. Just when it looked like Pintor and Chandler had run through their challengers like so much toilet tissue, Canizalez appears as a hard-hittting proposition for either.

Tony Braxton looked very unlucky to drop a 10-round split decision to Ernie Singletary in a punishing, if not artistic, encounter. Braxton, 156½, Paterson, N.J., boxed well, peppering Singletary, 160, Phila., with jabs and right crosses. Ernie slogged away, but could never pin Braxton down long enough to do much damage. Judge Tommy Kaczmarek scored the match 6-3-1 for Braxton, which seemed fairly representative of the action inside the ring. Somehow, judge Bill Kostrub and referee Tony Perez came up with unpopular 6-3-1 and 5-4-1 scores, respectively, for Singletary. The Ring agreed with Kaczmarek.

Rocky Lockridge, 125¼, Maple Shade, N.J., scored his sixth straight win since his defeat to Juan LaPorte. This time he stretched Daniel Felizardo, 127, Matamoros, Mexico, for the full count in 1:11 of the second round of a scheduled 10. A nifty left-right-left did the trick.

Reggie Gross, 174½, Baltimore, TKO'd Sonny Crooms, 176, Phila., at 0:39 of the second.

Robert Hines, 147, Phila., TKO'd Billy Hodge, 147, Columbus, Ohio, at 0:60 of the first.

The card was televised over a collection of cable-TV networks thoughout the country.

Promoters—Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc. and Main Event Productions.

Attendance—1,200 (est.).

(06-24-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

BOZA-EDWARDS-ELIZONDO

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Cornelius Boza-Edwards, back on the road towards regaining the WBC junior lightweight title, won a close but unanimous decision over Roberto Elizondo in a nationally televised 10-rounder at the Showboat Hotel.

Boza-Edwards, 133, came on strong late in the fight, staggering Elizondo in the 10th to secure the win. But the fight was not all Boza-Edwards; if Elizondo had won the final round, the bout could have ended in a draw.

Elizondo, 135, was the aggressor throughout the bout, stalking his opponent from post to post, especially in the first three rounds. He utilized a rather effective left hook and an accurate straight right in those three sessions, but Boza-Edwards managed to counter—opening up a cut under Elizondo's left eye.

Cornelius came alive in the fourth round, landing combination hooks and uppercuts to Elizondo's midsection and head. The cut under Roberto's left eye worsened, and his face was a bloody mess by the end of the frame. The cut re-

RING'S INTERNATIONAL RATINGS

Sometimes we are moved to repeat Joe E. Lewis' line: "If I had it to do over again, I wouldn't have the strength." Other times we decide "damn the torpedoes" and plunge full-speed ahead.

One of those occasions when it was "full speed ahead," comingled with a paraphrase of that same Lewis line —to wit, "If I had it to do all over again, I'd do it all over the WBA"—came last June when Sugar Ray Leonard beat Ayub Kalule for the WBA version of the junior middleweight crown.

At that time the WBA, in its infinite nonwisdom, held that its rules and regulations forbade any man from holding two championships concurrently. However, believing their rules to be a fable of contents, we scoured them thoroughly— even resorting to rubbing them in lemon juice to see if there were any hidden messages —and could find no such prohibition. We therefore recognized Sugar Ray Leonard as the junior middleweight champion, a title he legitimately won in the ring. It was our contention that no governing body should strip a man of his title without due cause and due cause is not merely the fighter preempting another title in another division, an act which does reduce the number of merchandisable titles the alphabet soup organizations can sell, but, in the process, penalizes a fighting champion for an organization's greed.

Having said all of that, we held Sugar Ray Leonard as the junior middleweight champion for one year. However, the operative word in our principle is "fighting" and Leonard, himself, even before his recent detached retina, stated that he would no longer campaign as a junior middleweight. Therefore, on the anniversary of his winning the title, June 25th, we vacate the world's junior middleweight title— not because the principle was wrong, it was right— but because we have recognized, and will continue to recognize, fighting champions and Leonard, now, by his own admission, is no longer a fighting champion as a junior middleweight.

We have kept the faith and principle, now it's time for the WBA and the WBC to do the same.

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5. Tami Mauriello, New York, N.Y.
6. Roscoe Toles, Detroit, Mich.
7. Turkey Thompson, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Lee Savold, Paterson, N.J.
9. Harry Bobo, Pittsburgh, Pa.
10. Arturo Godoy, Santiago, Chile

LIGHTWEIGHTS
World Champion
Sammy Angott, Philadelphia, Pa.

1. Allie Stolz, Newark, N.J.
2. Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
3. Maxie Shapiro, New York, N.Y.
4. Chester Rico, New York, N.Y.
5. Bobby Ruffin, Bridgeport, Conn.
6. Willie Joyce, Chicago, Ill.
7. Juan Zurita, Mexico City, Mexico
8. Luther (Slugger) White, Baltimore, Md.
9. Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N.J.
10. George Latka, San Jose, Calif.

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Gus Lesnevich, Cliffside, N.J.

1. Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, Ohio
2. Anton Christoforidis, Greece
3. Booker Beckwith, Chicago, Ill.
4. Ken Overlin, Decatur, Illinois
5. Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Calif.
6. Billy Soose, Farrell, Pa.
7. Alabama Kid, Concord, Ga.
8. Johnny Colan, New York, N.Y.
9. Tommy Tucker, Rockaway, N.Y.
10. Freddie Mills, England.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Pedro Hernandez, Puerto Rico
2. Lulu Costantino, New York, N.Y.
3. Mike Raffa, Weirton, Pa.
4. Sal Bartolo, Boston, Mass.
5. Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.
6. Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.
7. Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Calif.
8. Davey Crawford, New York, N.Y.
9. Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.
10. Vince Dell 'Orto, Philadelphia, Pa.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
World Champion
Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana

1. Georgie Abrams, New York, N.Y.
2. Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio
3. Ernie Vigh, Carteret, N.J.
4. Tony Martin, Milwaukee, Wisc.
5. Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
6. Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Calif.
7. Kid Tunero, Cuba
8. Steve Belloise, New York, N.Y.
9. Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
10. Jose Basora, Puerto Rico

BANTAMWEIGHTS
World Champion
Lou Salica, Brooklyn, New York

1. Kui Kong Young, Hawaii
2. Rush Dalma, Philippines
3. Manuel Ortiz, Los Angeles, Calif.
4. Jim Brady, Dundee, Scotland
5. Peter Kane, Lancaster, Eng.
6. Ham Wiloby, Trinidad
7. Tony Olivera, San Francisco, Calif.
8. Freddie Pope, Columbus, Ohio
9. Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver, B.C.
10. Mickey Carr, Australia

WELTERWEIGHTS
World Champion
Freddie Cochrane, Elizabeth, N.J.

1. Ray Robinson, New York, N.Y.
2. Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.
3. Marty Servo, Schenectady, N.Y.
4. Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
5. Cocoa Kid, Puerto Rico
6. Garvey Young, Boston, Mass.
7. Freddie Archer, Newark, N.J.
8. Young Kid McCoy, Detroit, Mich.
9. Tony Motisi, Chicago, Ill.
10. Norman Rubio, Albany, N.Y.

FLYWEIGHTS
World Champion
Title Vacant

1. Joe Curran, England
2. Little Dado, Philippines
3. Jackie Paterson, Scotland
4. Sammy Reynolds, England
5. Frankie Bonser, England
6. Humberto Espinoza, Cuba
7. Paddy Ryan, Lancaster, Eng.
8. Small Montana, Philippines
9. Lupe Cordoza, Sacramento, Calif.
10. Luis Castillo, Cuba

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9 **Tim Witherspoon** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
10 **Renaldo Snipes** . . . . . Yonkers, N.Y.

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LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

DWIGHT BRAXTON** . . . . . Camden, N.J.
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3 **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** . . . Brooklyn, N.Y.
4 **Carlos DeLeon** . . . . . Puerto Rico
5 **Eddie Davis** . . . . . Freeport, N.Y.
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10 **Marvin Johnson** . . . . . Indianapolis, Ind.

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(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER . . . . . Brockton, Mass.
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2 **Frank Fletcher** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
3 **Mustafa Hamsho** . . . . . Syria
4 **Dwight Davison** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Fulgencio Obelmejias** . . . . . Venezuela
6 **Thomas Hearns** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
7 **Ray Seales** . . . . . Tacoma, Wash.
8 **James Green** . . . . . Irvington, N.J.
9 **Bernard Mays** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
10 **Alex Ramos** . . . . . Bronx, N.Y.

11. Wilford Scypion, 12. Bobby Czyz, 13. Vinnie Curto, 14. Mark Holmes, 15. James Kinchen, 16. Ronnie Harris, 17. Teddy Mann, 18. Robbie Sims, 19. Robbie Epps, 20. Ernie Singletary

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5 **Ayub Kalule** . . . . . Uganda
6 **Charlie Weir** . . . . . South Africa
7 **Gary Guiden** . . . . . Muncie, Ind.
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10 **Mike McCallum** . . . . . New York

11. James Green, 12. Walter Gomez, 13. Herol Graham, 14. Luigi Minchillo, 15. Bruce Johnson, 16. Tadashi Mihara, 17. Rocky Fratto, 18. Mario Maldonado, 19. Tony Braxton, 20. Sean Mannion, 21. Rocky Mattioli

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

RAY LEONARD . . . . . Palmer Park, Md.
1 **Milton McCrory** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
2 **Donald Curry** . . . . . Ft. Worth, Texas
3 **Roger Stafford** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
4 **Pipino Cuevas** . . . . . Mexico
5 **Marlon Starling** . . . . . Hartford, Conn.
6 **Kevin Howard** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
7 **Colin Jones** . . . . . England
8 **Bobby Joe Young** . . . . . Steubenville, Ohio
9 **Mauricio Bravo** . . . . . Venezuela
10 **Randy Shields** . . . . . N. Hollywood, Cal.

11. Pete Ranzany, 12. Luis Primera, 13. Hans Henrik Palm, 14. Mark Harris, 15. Jo Kimpuani, 16. Sean O'Grady, 17. Robert Sawyer, 18. Chung-Jae Hwang, 19. Akio Kameda, 20. Pat Hallacy

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

AARON PRYOR* . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
1 **Leroy Haley** . . . . . Las Vegas, Nevada
2 **Saoul Mamby**** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
3 **Johnny Bumphus** . . . . . Nashville, Tenn.
4 **Dujuan Johnson** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
5 **Jo Kimpuani** . . . . . France
6 **Steve Hearon** . . . . . Houston, Texas
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8 **Miguel Montilla** . . . . . Dominican Rep.
9 **Billy Costello** . . . . . Kingston, N.Y.
10 **Willie Rodriguez** . . . . . Allentown, Pa.

11. Bruce Curry, 12. Ubaldo Sacco, 13. Monroe Brooks, 14. Obisia Nwankpa, 15. Guillermo Fernandez, 16. Adriano Marrero, 17. Juan Jose Gimenez, 18. Antonio Cervantes, 19. Clint McKenzie, 20. Patrizio Oliva, 21. Steve Early, 22. Hugo Quartapelle

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(AS OF JULY 16, 1982)

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LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ALEXIS ARGUELLO** . . . . . Nicaragua
1 **Aaron Pryor** . . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio
2 **Ray Mancini*** . . . . . Youngstown, Ohio
3 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
4 **Andy Ganigan** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
Howard Davis, Jr. . . . . . Glen Cove, N.Y.
6 **Ruben Munoz** . . . . . Dallas, Texas
7 **Gonzallo Montellano** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
8 **Hilmer Kenty** . . . . . Detroit, Mich.
9 **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** . . . . . Mexico
10 **Art Frias** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.

11. Claude Noel, 12. Roberto Elizondo, 13. James Busceme, 14. (Tie) Ernesto Espana, E in Viruet, 15. Curtis Harris, 16. Herman Montes, 17. Orlando Romero, 18. Greg Coverson, 19. Jose Luis Ramirez, 20. Barry Michael, 21. (Tie) Cocoa Sanchez, Ray Cattouse, Al Carter

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** . . . . . England
2 **Edwin Rosario** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Rafael (Bazooka) Limon**** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Rolando Navarrete** . . . . . Honolulu, Ha.
5 **Bobby Chacon** . . . . . Pacoima, Calif.
6 **Yasutsune Uehara** . . . . . Japan
7 **Hector Camacho** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
8 **Chung Il-Choi** . . . . . Korea
9 **John Verderosa** . . . . . Staten Island, N.Y.
10 **Ildelfonso Bethelmy** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Carlos Pinango, 12. Jorge Alvarado, 13. Johnny de la Rosa, 14. Enrique Maxwell, 15. Johnny Sato, 16. Mario Vizcaya, 17. Frankie Baltazar, 18. Il-Bok Lee, 19. Johnny Aba, 20. Leonardo Moreno, 21. Alfredo Paiva, 22. Benedicto Villablanca, 23. Reinaldo Hidalgo, 24. Daniel Londas

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SALVADOR SANCHEZ** . . . . . Mexico
1 **Eusebio Pedroza*** . . . . . Panama
2 **Wilfredo Gomez** . . . . . Puerto Rico
3 **Juan LaPorte** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Rocky Lockridge** . . . . . Paterson, N.J.
5 **Mario Miranda** . . . . . Colombia
6 **Ruben Castillo** . . . . . Bakersfield, Calif.
7 **Pat Cowdell** . . . . . England
8 **Jose Caba** . . . . . Dominican Republic
9 **Paul Ferrari** . . . . . Australia
10 **Azumah Nelson** . . . . . Ghana

11. Marcos Villasana, 12. Reyes Gonzalez, 13. Guillermo Vallejo, 14. Bernard Taylor, 15. Bernabe Montanez, 16. Tony Santana, 17. Augustin Martinez, 18. Rocky Garcia, 19. Jackie Beard

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 122 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFREDO GOMEZ** . . . . . Puerto Rico
1 **Leo Cruz*** . . . . . Dominican Republic
2 **Jaime Garza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
3 **Mike Ayala** . . . . . New York, N.Y.
4 **Sergio Palma** . . . . . Argentina
5 **Ricardo Cardona** . . . . . Colombia
6 **Lupe Pintor** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Roberto Rubaldino** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Juan (Kid) Meza** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
9 **Soon-Hyun Chung** . . . . . Korea
10 **Felipe Orozco** . . . . . Colombia

11. Carmelo Negron, 12. Oscar Muniz, 13. Nicky Perez, 14. Jorge Lujan, 15. Joaquin Acuna, 16. Vilchit Muangroi-Et, 17. Franco Torregoza, 18. Carlos Mendoza, 19. Julio Saba, 20. Salvatore Melluzo, 21. Antonio de la Paz

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JEFF CHANDLER* . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
1 **Lupe Pintor**** . . . . . Mexico
2 **Chul-Ho Kim** . . . . . Korea
3 **Kiko Bejines** . . . . . Mexico
4 **Albert Davila** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
5 **Oscar Muniz** . . . . . Los Angeles, Calif.
6 **Eijiro Murata** . . . . . Japan
7 **Johnny Carter** . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa.
8 **Jiro Watanabe** . . . . . Japan
9 **Freddie Jackson** . . . . . Houston, Texas
10 **Rafael Orono** . . . . . Venezuela

11. Jose R. Narvaez, 12. Jaime Garza, 13. Miguel Iriarte, 14. Julian Solis, 15. Richard Sandoval, 16. Carlos Bejarano, 17. Jorge Ramirez, 18. Seung Hoon Lee, 19. Jose Canizales, 20. Jovito Rengifo, 21. Welile Nkosinkulu, 22. Ramon Soria, 23. Artemio Ramirez, 24. Enrique Sanchez, 25. Shuichi Isogami

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

PRUDENCIO CARDONA** . . . . . Colombia
1 **Santos Laciar*** . . . . . Argentina
2 **Hilario Zapata** . . . . . Panama
3 **Tadashi Tomori** . . . . . Japan
4 **Katsuo Tokashiki** . . . . . Japan
5 **Antonio Avelar** . . . . . Mexico
6 **Juan Herrera** . . . . . Mexico
7 **Amado Ursua** . . . . . Mexico
8 **Hwan Jin Kim** . . . . . Korea
9 **Rafael Pedroza** . . . . . Panama
10 **Candido Tellez** . . . . . Mexico

11. Freddie Castillo, 12. Gustavo Ballas, 13. Junk Koo Chang, 14. German Torres, 15. Lupe Madera, 16. Juan Diaz, 17. Luis Ibarra, 18. Betulio Gonzalez, 19. Gabriel Bernal, 20. Eleoncio Mercedes, 21. Alonso Gonzalez, 22. Stephen Muchoki

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mained open throughout the fight despite the efforts of manager Jackie McCoy to keep it closed.

The fifth through eighth rounds saw an exhibition of fistic demolition, as the two men traded vicious blows. Boza-Edwards managed to stay away from the bull-like Elizondo, and returned everything Roberto threw with interest.

The ninth belonged to Elizondo, who attacked the ex-champ on all fronts. His relentless pounding to the head and body seemed to even up the score, but Elizondo's visions of victory, clouded with blood from his cut left eye, collapsed in the 10th session. And they died with the judges scoring: Charles Minker, 97-93; Hal Miller and Dave Moretti, both 96-94—all for Boza-Edwards. (Referee Joey Curtis did not score under Nevada rules.)

"I tried late because this was my first fight in seven months," Roberto said after the bout. "Also, the blood bothered me and I could not see very well in the middle rounds." Jackie McCoy agreed that Elizondo had fought well, but he was naturally disappointed with the outcome. "The only good fights are the ones you win," he said.

Boza-Edwards admitted having misjudged his opponent. "I thought I could outbox him, but he kept coming and I did not think anything could stop him." Nothing could. Neither fighter had gone down in the fight, although both had been stung hard and often.

Rene Weller, 136, Germany, won a majority decision over Charles LaCour, 138¼, Los Angeles, Calif., eight. Scoring: Dalby Shirley, 77-77; Larry Clark, 77-76; Hal Miller, 79-73. Harry Krause, referee. Weller is now 12-0.

Alberto Mercado, 126, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Mike Rodriguez, 130, Los Angeles, at 2:12 of the third round in their scheduled eight. Mercado is now 15-0.

Nicky Wilshire, 156, Bristol, England, kayoed Jose Serna, 153½, Los Anglees, in 1:42 of the second in their scheduled eight-rounder. Wilshire is now 11-0. He's the most impressive fighter seen here in a prelim in some time.

Wilfredo Vasquez, 120½, Puerto Rico, knocked out Jose Luis Martinez, 120¾, Los Angeles, in 2:06 of the second round in a scheduled six.

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SHIRLEY NORMAN

HALEY—MAMBY
WBC Junior Welterweight Title

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, OHIO—Leroy Haley, 139½, Las Vegas, won the WBC junior welterweight crown with a split decision over defending champion Saoul Mamby, 138¾, Bronx, New York, after 15

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rounds at the Front Row Theatre.

A hard right by Haley early in the first round showed the champion could be hit, and Mamby's follow-up left jabs showed the challenger was also open. Trading jabs for crosses, however, is a losing proposition.

Mamby, a noted slow starter, made the fight interesting by slipping in a straight right often enough to keep Haley honest. The questions during the bout were common ones: Will the heavy hitting challenger take enough out of the 35-year-old champ before he himself wears out; Can the champ weather the storm and come back to win? The stage was set, and so was Haley.

As one would think, the aggressive Haley dominated the early rounds with harder, more frequent punches, though Mamby did score with lefts and occasional rights. Leroy started to tire late in round eight, but never to the point of being too exhaausted to defend himself. He seemed to stay at any even plateau during the last half of the contest, which no doubt discouraged Mamby and his corner.

Saoul did come on strong in the 13th, but Leroy's right hands and left hooks kept him in place. Mamby, though tired, stuck to his game plan and gave it everything he had. But the gutty Haley was always right there with him. The final round saw both men pulling out all stops and pouring it on to a standing ovation by the crowd of 1,800.

There had been no knockdowns, but most in attendance felt the title had changed hands. To the dismay of many, judge Jose Guererra scored the contest 144-143, Mamby; but judge Jimmy Bivins and Roberto Ramirez had it 148-144 and 145-142, respectively, for Haley. Referee Jackie Keough had no vote.

Mamby stormed out of the ring leveling accusations about "politics" influencing the decision. He later apologized and said he wanted a rematch.

Irving Mitchell, San Diego, outscored Chester Richardson, Youngstown, Ohio, 10, featherweights.

Lonnie Smith, Denver, outpointed Genie Ellington, Cleveland, Ohio, six, lightweights.

Steve Sample, Cleveland, outpointed Carl Williams, Kansas City, four, welters.

John de la Rosa, Miami Beach, TKO'd Elmer Suttington, Kansas City, in the second, feathers.

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GORDON-DE LEON
WBC Cruiserweight Title

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, OHIO—S.T. Gordon, 189, Las Vegas, a man who never fought as an amateur but who had stopped 19 of 26 previous foes in the pros, won the WBC cruiserweight title by halting defending champion Carlos (Sugar) DeLeon, 187, Puerto Rico, at 2:51 of the second. DeLeon had an 88-7 simon pure mark before

turning pro at the age of 16. He was 30-1-1 as a professional before meeting Gordon.

DeLeon is a good puncher, but he can box very well when he chooses. He pressed Gordon in the first round, delivering combos with success. S.T. landed a few good shots, but it was DeLeon's round.

In the second, Gordon seemed to loosen up. He caught DeLeon with two left hooks and a straight right that dropped the champ in a neutral corner. The champ rose quickly, but was shaken. S.T. followed with an arsenal of punches, trapping Sugar in the Gordon corner and delivering 28 straight punches to the head. Carlos was certainly in trouble, and none of the 1,600 in attendance at the Front Row Theatre complained when referee Carlos Padilla stopped the contest with nine seconds remaining in the round. Eddie Mafuz, Sugar's trainer, said he would not have let the bout continue if Padilla hadn't stopped it.

The WBC, at their last convention, raised the cruiserweight limit from 190 pounds to 195. Are you listening, Gordon and DeLeon?

Horace Shufford, Las Vegas, outscored Doc McLendon, Paterson, N.J., 10, welters.
Fred Reed, Chicago, TKO'd Billy Goodwin, Milwaukee, in the 10th and final round, middles.
David Bey, Philadelphia, outscored Larry Sims, Cleveland, six, heavies.
Bernard Benton, Toledo, TKO'd Reggie Fleming, Cleveland, in round three, heavies.
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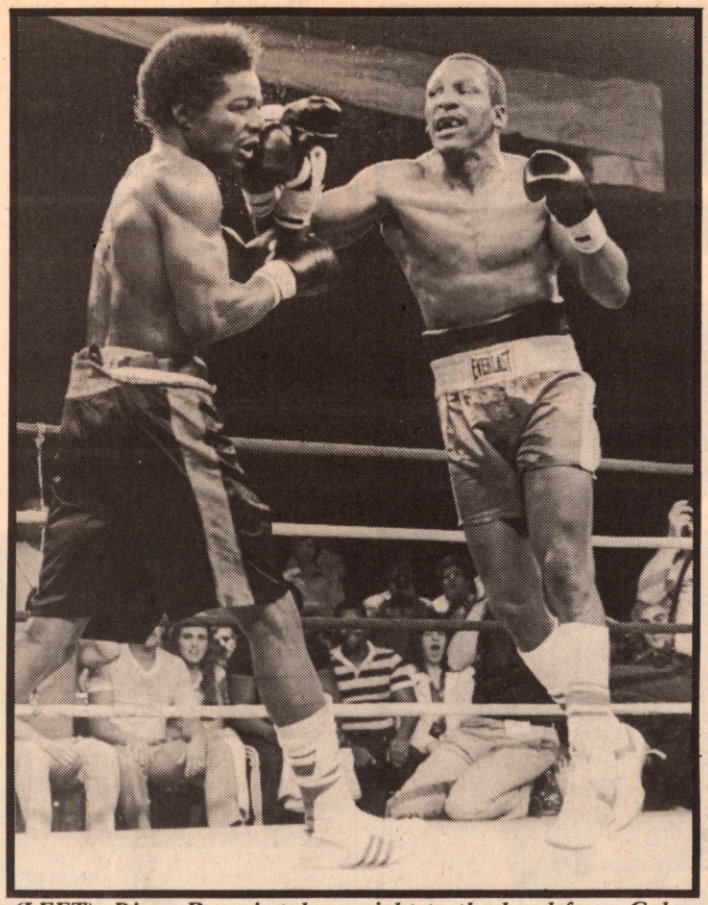

(LEFT): Diego Rosario takes a right to the head from Gaby Canizales, while (ABOVE): Fletcher lands a right to Jackson's jaw.

KIM-VALDEZ
WBC Super Flyweight Title

DAEJON, KOREA—Chul-Ho Kim, Korea's only current world champ, retained his WBC super flyweight crown with a 15-round majority draw against Raul Valdez, 115, Mexico, at Chungnu Gymnasium.

Kim was the aggressor in most of the sessions, but Valdez earned points with his movement and well placed, if not powerful, punches. Valdez also helped his cause by starting quickly.

In the first two rounds both men were cautious, but the 5'4½" Valdez took the lead in the next two cantos, working his sharp southpaw jab and connecting with straight lefts followed by fast right hooks. Kim landed his first good punch, a straight right to Raul's head, in the fifth session, but the clever Mexican just kept turning to the right and retaliating with light, but sharp left hands. An even round.

Kim was the aggressor in the next three rounds, connecting with solid rights to the face and midsection. Valdez tried to grab his arm forcing repeated clinches, prompting English referee Harry Gibbs to give him frequent warnings.

Valdez tried to outpunch Kim in the 11th and 12th rounds, and the champ was rather baffled by Raul's to-and-fro footwork. Chul-Ho nonetheless scored with some heavy straight rights and left hooks.

Kim's best round was the 13th. He fought furiously, coming on with long right hands that made the Mexican retreat. The Korean trapped Valdez on the ropes and scored with a barrage of punches to the face, but the bell came to his rescue.

The last two rounds were fierce, each man realizing that the contest was still undecided. Despite his lesser power, Valdez met Kim toe-to-toe.

The decision was well received by the crowd. The scoring: Angelo Polleti (Italy) and Marcial Sosa Villamil (Mexico), both 145-145; Mon-Soo Yuh (Korea), 148-146, Kim. *The Ring* had it 147-145, Kim.

"Valdez should have been penalized for all his clinching," said an angry Ho-Yun Chun, Kim's manager. Kim himself admitted that "Valdez was a puzzling southpaw—a type of defensive counter-puncher. But I thought I won the bout."

"We deserve a rematch," Arturo Hernandez, Valdez's manager, insisted. "Raul deserves a return bout with Kim."

It was a good bout, and the decision was certainly not hometown. A return fight would not be a crowd pleaser, because of Raul's powerless hit-and-grab negative style.

Rauls' pro log is now 28-9-5 with seven knockouts. He's not very popular in Mexico, where fight fans prefer a real banger.

OPBF junior middleweight champ In-Chul Baek, 154¼, demolished Antonio Rayva, 157½, Mexico, with a wicked body shot in 2:19 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Baek is now 20-0—all kayoes.
Dong-Soo Cha, 129¾, flattened George Morales, 128½, Mexico, in 1:26 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Cha is now 11-1-2 with six knockouts.
Armando Ugarde, 118½, won a unanimous decision over Kang-San Lee, 120¼, 10. Scores: 98-95, 98-96, 97-96. Ugarde is now 19-4 with seven kayoes.
Four-rounders: Hae-Dong Kim, 109¼, outscored Jung-Kuk Lee, also 109½. Wo-Yong Kim, 109, outpointed In-Kwon Hwang, 110. Joung-Wu Park, 113, outscored Chun-Kwon Kim, also 113. Ok-Shik Kim, 116¼, and Chan-Kyun Park, 116, drew. Sung-Moon Choi, 120¼, outscored Jae-Ho Cho, 121, in the opener.
Hoyun Chun of Kukdong Promotions in conjunciton with former WBC super bantamweight champion Dong-Kyun Yum, who lives in Daejon.
Nationally telecast by KBS TV. This telecast made it almost impossible to get a cab in any Korean city, almost all the taxi drivers stayed at home to watch the bout. The Nielsen figure was almost 100%.
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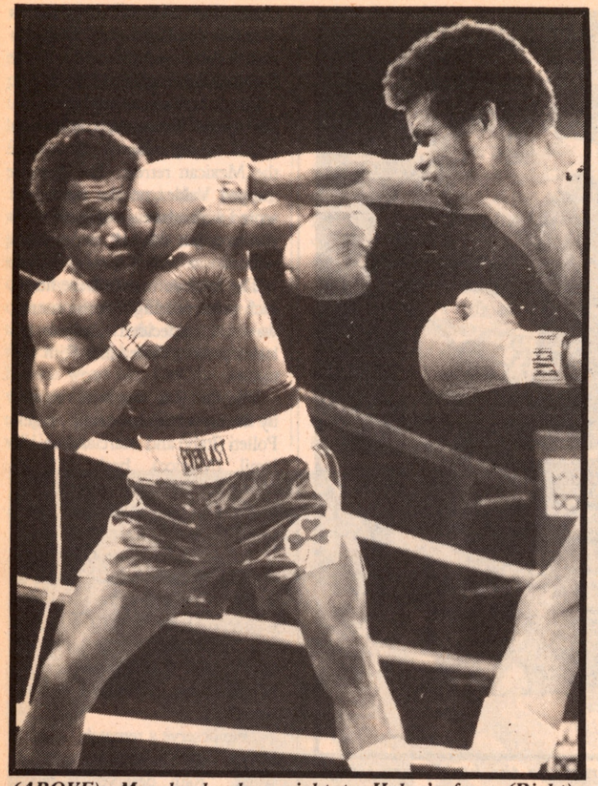


(ABOVE): Mamby lands a right to Haley's face; (Right): Boza-Edward's left is blocked by Roberto Elizondo in their 10-round bout.

TOKASHIKI-INAMI
WBA Junior Flyweight Title

TOKYO, JAPAN—Fast moving Katsuo Tokashiki, 108, dropped challenger Masaharu Inami, also 108, twice and stopped him at 2:35 of the eighth round to retain his WBA junior flyweight crown at Kuramae Arena.

This was a grudge fight. Inami had relinquished his Japanese title for a scheduled crack at Korean Hwan-Jin Kim's WBA crown last September. But it was Tokashiki, a sparring partner of Yoko Gushiken's, who eventually (December) got the title shot, outpointing Kim in Sendai City.

Tokashiki threw a lot of jabs at Inami in the first round, while the challenger was cautious. The second round saw the defending champ connecting frequently with one-twos, and, though Inami fought back with some stinging lefts in the last seconds, it was easily Katsduo's round.

The finish came in the eighth canto, when Tokashiki caught Inami with a beautiful, well-timed right uppercut. Inami went down, beat the count, and was then floored again by a left hook and a wild flurry. The challenger got up again, but the champ pinned him to the ropes and rained blows on him until referee Paul Field stopped the bout.

"Inami made me fight a good battle," said the jubilant Tokashiki in his shrill voice. "I'm thankful for his fighting spirit."

"I was overwhelmed by Tokashiki's hot pace," said the loser. "I tried to save my stamina to prepare for the last half of the fight. I didn't see that right uppercut."

Tokashiki is now 16-1-1 with three knockouts. Inami is 18-2-1 with four kayoes.

Few had expected the bout to end inside the distance, as both men had been castigated for their lack of punching power. This was the fourth world title bout involving two Japanese fighters, the others being Kobayashi-Numata in 1967, OhbaHanagata in 1972, and Wajima-Sorimachi in 1973.

Tokashiki also won the third round. He kept swarming over the nervous Inami with wild but aggressive rallies. Inami, just before the bell, scored with a triple left hook and the champ was shaken.

The next two sessions were on fairly even terms. Tokashiki threw more punches, but most of them missed their target. Inami was urged by the corner to attack more forcefully, but he looked a little sluggish.

Tokashiki was in complete command in round six, throwing right leads followed by accurate left hooks. Inami was forced to retreat for the entire round and Tokashiki nailed him to the ropes, opening up with a barrage of lefts and rights that opened up a gash over the challenger's right eyebrow.

The seventh round was also Tokashiki's, but his red hot pace made everybody wonder if he'd run out of gas in the last five innings. He was throwing reckless blows like a four-round prelim boy.

Howard was actually the aggressor during the first minute—until he ran into a beautiful left hook that knocked him down. After that, the man from Hartford opened up, finally forcing Morgan to the ropes and sending home a final left-right that caused him to sag and almost fall before referee Vinnie Rainone stoped the bout.

With Sugar Ray Leonard's future still uncertain, and Roger Stafford's recent loss to Milton McCrory, Starling now looms as a major factor in the world welterweight title picture. Marlon, inclined to hot dog it at times, was laid up for several months late in 1981 as the result of a broken jaw suffered at the hands of Thomas Hearns in training.

Starling, 23, is now 24-0 with 16 knockouts. Morgan is 21-9 with 16 kayoes.

Kazuhiro Matsuda, 121½, stopped Hiroyuki Yamashita, 120, at 1:26 of the seventh in their scheduled eight-rounder.

Mitsuhiro Kikuchi, 118, TKO'd Norio Hasegawa, also 118, at 2:15 of the third round.

Four-rounders: Kazuyoshi Morii, 130, demolished Satoshi Morimoto, also 130, in 0:30 of the first round. Kazushi Maehara, 130, halted Masahiro Nishino, also 130, in 2:04 of the second. Masanobu Suzuki, 111¼, polished off Toshihiko Hamaguchi, 110¼, at 1:27 of the first round in the opener.

Scoring of Tokashiki-Inami after seven: referee Paul Field, 69-66; judge Ken Moprita, 70-67; judge Kazumasa Kuwata, 70-66—all for Tokashiki.

A ceremony marking the retirement of former world junior lightweight champion Yasutsune Uehara was held in the ring before the title bout.

Katsuro Takshashi's Kyoei Promotions.

Nationally telecast by TBS TV.

WBA witness—Melvin Ziegler of Miami.

Attendance—6,000.

(07-07-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

STARLING-MORGAN
USBA Welterweight Title

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.—Marlon (Magic Man) Starling, 146, Hartford, Conn., stopped defending USBA welter champion Kevin Morgan, 146½, Las Vegas, with a blistering assault in 2:06 of the first round at the Felt Forum.

The Saturday afternoon show, televised live by CBS, was attended by 1,400 fans, 800 of whom came down from Connecticut to watch the colorful, hard hitting Starling.

Starling, 23, is now 24-0 with 16 knockouts. Morgan is 21-9 with 16 kayoes.

Michael De la Rue, 152, Kew Gardens, Queens, New York, and Felix Pintor, 149, Puerto Rico, drew, eight. Scoring: referee Larry Hazzard, 3-3-2; judge Tony Castellano, 4-4; judge Simon Ramos, 4-3-1. Pintor. De la Rue is now 11-10-1 with nine kayoes. Pintor is 21-7-3.

Mark McPherson, 156, New York, won a unanimous decision over Jerrold Banks, 160, New York, eight. Scoring: referee Luis Rivera, 6-1-1; judges Castellano and Ramos, both 6-2.

Kenny Styles, 160, New York, TKO'd Lee Saxby, 159, New York, at 2:12 of the seventh in their scheduled eight-rounder. Saxby, a southpaw, was down once in the third round, down again, from a right which sent him through the ropes, in round four, and down one more time in the fifth. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Floyd Mayweather, 148, Los Angeles, and Allen Braswell, 141, Flatbush, Brooklyn, New York, drew, eight. Scoring: referee Hazard, 5-2-1, Braswell; judge Castellano, 4-4; judge Ramos, 5-3, Mayweather.

Troy Wortham, 134½, Hartford, won a unanimous decision over Papo Figueroa, 136, New York, four. Scoring: referee Rivera and judge Ramos, both 3-1; judge Castellano, 4-0.

Manny Ortega, 144, New York, won a split verdict over Skeeter Mitchell, 148, New York, four. Scoring: referee Rivera and judge Ramos, both 3-1, Ortega; judge Castellano, 3-1, Mitchell.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(07-17-82)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

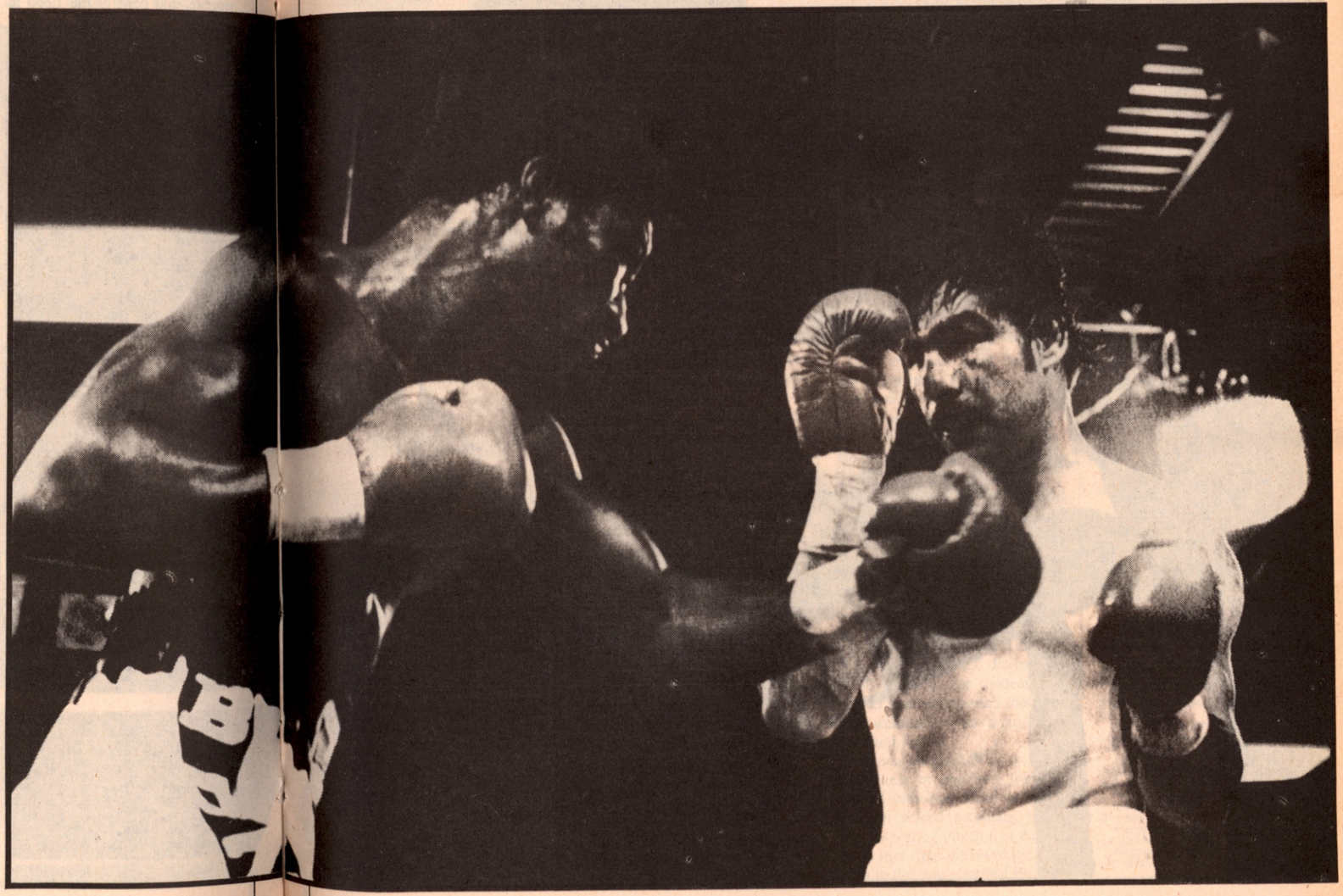
MOORE-KALULE
WBA Junior Middleweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Now that Davey Moore has taken the measure of Ayub Kalule with a 10th round technical knockout, isn't it about time everybody started giving the New Yorker a little respect? There was righteous indignation from all quarters when he fought for the WBA junior middleweight title after only eight pro fights. Then, after he knocked Tadashi Mihara kicking to win the belt, all the critics could do was harp about Tadashis inadequacies. Next stop was South Africa, and all it entails for a black athlete. Davey destroyed Charlie Weir inside five and all we heard about was the local lad's china chin—never mind Moore's highly professional deportment under trying conditions.

It would be hard to fault Kalule's credentials in today's market. As a former champion, who had only lost to Sugar Ray Leonard in his previous 41 fights, he was considered a genuine threat to the novice champ. He was also the WBA's number one contender—a fact that often means little, but in this case, was deserved.

Kalule, like Moore an even 154, surprised everybody by taking the fight to Davey. He attacked the body well, but Moore's right hand counters were always catching him on the way in, taking their toll. Davey also managed a couple of eye-catching flurries at the end of the first two rounds, negating much of Ayub's steady work.

The Danish-based Ugandan broke through in the third, digging



several solid left hooks to the body. Then Moore emerged from a clash of heads with a gash over his left eye and Kalule opened up, gunning fast and scoring a number of direct hits to the wound before the bell.

"I expected a tough fight from Kalule and that's what I got," said Moore later. "The butt made it harder than it should have been."

With the crowd at Bally's Hotel Casino chanting his name, Moore went right after Kalule in the fourth and engaged him in a spirited toe-to-toe exchange. The African stayed with him for awhile, but Davey's superior fire-power soon prevailed, and Ayub was stung by a volley as the round closed.

A disdainful Moore continued to move in during the fifth, tasting Kalule's southpaw jab as he came. A pretty right snapped Ayub's head back and then a left hook connected. At this point, it was becoming obvious that the challenger's relative lack of power (only 19 career kayoes) had put him at a big disadvantage.

Moore's youthful exhilaration (some would call it hotdog) bubbled to the surface in the sixth. He shuffled his feet, ran in place, and even indulged in a bolo. Kalule, in the meantime, was starting to look a bit worn around the edges.

Kalule seemed to find his second wind in the seventh, and staged an unexpected rally in the eighth. He was finding Moore's body again, backing Davey up for the first time since the early going. Although Moore's eye was no longer bleeding, it was closing quickly and looking angry.

"The cut did change the fight for a while," admitted Moore. "I had triple vision at times."

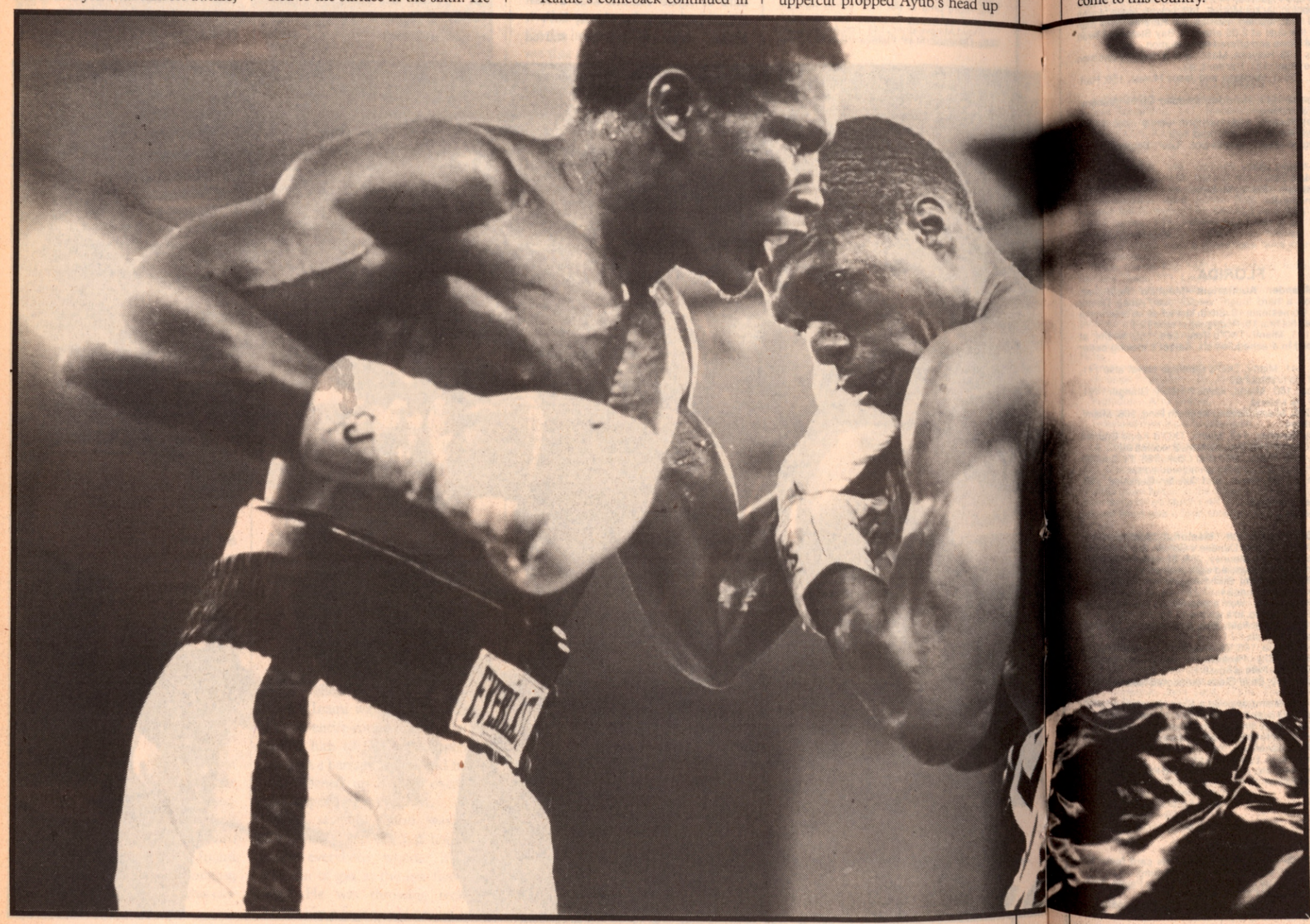
Kalule's comeback continued in the first half of the ninth and then he suddenly wilted like a flaccid water hose. All the fight suddenly drained out of him and Moore took command once again.

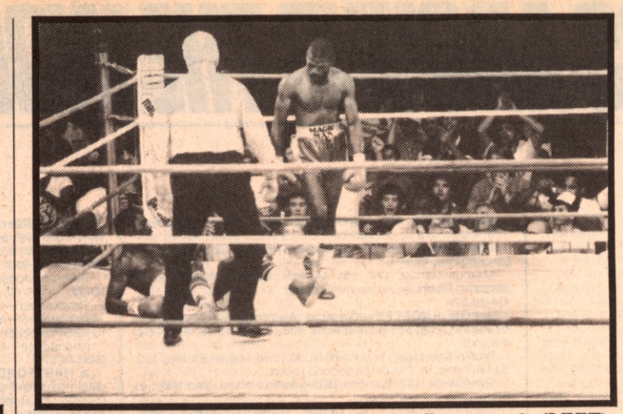
"He never hurt me; I'm Superman," bragged the winner. "It took me six or seven rounds to get warm and I was just coming around when the fight was stopped."

Moore was all business in the 10th. He had worn Kalule down in much the same manner as Leonard had and now he wanted to finish the job with equal finality. A right uppercut propped Ayub's head up for a brutal left hook that started the finishing flurry.

Kalule faded back into the ropes near his corner with Moore in hot pursuit. Three left-right combos slammed home before a final flush-right prompted referee Luis Salbaran to call a halt at 2:58 of the round—a decision that was not very popular with Kalule.

"They misjudged me," claimed the unhappy loser. "I was still fresh and I wasn't hurt when the fight was stopped. I told the ref I was all right, but he didn't understand me. I always get treated like that when I come to this country."





(ABOVE): Morgan hits the deck in the first round; (LEFT) Ayub Kalule sends a left to Davey Moore's jaw at close quarters.

There was also some complaining about the fact that there were only two seconds remaining in the round when Salbaran made his move. The referee's job is not to keep time, however, and Kalule was taking unanswered punishment at the end. The stoppage was well within the bounds of reason.

"It's a good thing they stopped the fight or there could have been a serious accident in the ring," Moore said. "He wasn't throwing any punches back."

All-in-all it was a fine fight, and sort of a coming out party for Moore. It was his first appearance at home as champion and an excellent performance to boot.

"It's time that I got the recognition I deserve. I told you before that you can have eight fights and be ready for a title fight or you can have 40 fights and not be ready for the title," assured Moore. Who can argue with success?

African John Odhiambo, 182, Copenhagen, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Willie (the Bull) Taylor, 176¾, Brooklyn, New York. As always, Taylor made his opponent work for the win.

Kenny Mitchell, 121, New York, scored a majority decision over Kelvin Seabrook, 121, Charlotte, N.C., eight. Billy Collins, 153½, Nashville, kayoed Roosevelt Moss, 148½, Camden, S.C., in 1:16 of the first (ringsiders are still looking for the punch). Jose Diaz, 154, New York, TKO'd Darnell Smith, 155, Washington, D.C., at 1:52 of the second; both are lefthanders.

All three title bout judges, Humberto Figueroa, Harmodio Cedeno, and Rogelio Perez, were from Panama, despite the fact that Eusebio Pedrosa was *not* fighting. They all had Moore ahead at the end by scores of 88-85, 89-85, and 88-86, respectively.

The championship match was televised live over ABC-TV's Wide World of Sports.

Prelim Judges—Milo Savage and Tommy Kaczmarek.

Prelim Referees—Tony Perez and Rudy Battle.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—1,200 (est.).

(07-17-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

MUNOZ—FRIAS
USBA Lightweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—You figured they would give former WBA lightweight champion Art Frias an easy one following his title losing defeat to Ray Mancini. But no, they threw him right back in with another young lion, and poor Art was blasted out again. This time, the victor was Ruben Munoz, a rock-fisted newcomer from Odessa, Texas, who blew Frias away for a TKO at 2:08 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12. The vacant USBA title was at stake.

The afternoon bout, televised live from the Tropicana Hotel Casino over CBS-TV, was a perfect showcase for Munoz to display his considerable punching prowess. He seems to be blessed with the sort of power that can end a fight with one or two shots. According to Frias, who ought to know, Ruben hits harder than Mancini.

Frias, 134¾, Montebello, California, barged busily forward in the early rounds. He scored often with clean combinations to the head, but never did any real damage. Munoz, 132¼, warmed to the task and gladly fired back. From their torrid pace, it was evident that neither man was worried about the final arithmetic. It was a punchout, pure and simple.

Munoz confused Frais to a certain extent by switching from his normal orthodox stance to southpaw on several occasions, but it was his searing punch that did Art in. A lead right, followed by a left hook to the chin, dropped Frias for the count of seven in the fourth. Unfortunately for Ruben, a cut also opened over his left eye in the same session.

"He wasn't as tough as Curtis Harris (who Munoz also stopped), but he's a really strong fighter. I have to give him credit. For awhile, I thought it might go 12 rounds, but he gave me some openings and I took advantage," said Munoz.

The opening came midway in the fifth, when Munoz floored Frias with a splendid right-left. Art went down in slow motion and hung over the bottom rope until his head cleared sufficiently for him to regain his feet.

Munoz went right back on the attack, plastering Frias with a flurry of head blows before referee Larry Hazzard jumped in at 2:08 of the round.

"I said, 'Don't stop it man, don't stop it,' " said Frias. "He stunned me, but I could have continued."

Perhaps he could, but not for long. Munoz was hurting him with every shot and it was only a matter of time, and a short time at that.

"Everyone seemed surprised that I won," said Munoz. "I'm not surprised. I think I deserve to be up there (in the rankings) somewhere."

So do we. Although some would say that Frias was never more than a good club fighter who lucked into the title, Munoz's showing, after only 15 pro fights (14-1, 11 kayoes), was impressive. He is a welcome addition to the somewhat depleted lightweight scene—the kind of slugger that will always make for a lively contest.

Frias, now 24-3 (only six kayoes), is not ready to pack it in.

"I'm still here. I haven't had it yet. I enjoy it too much. I'll take a little rest, go up to the mountains, do a little fishing and start up again."

Okay, Art, but don't get hurt.

Herb Wilkens, 156, Gaithersburg, Md., TKO'd Ricky Weigel, 154½, Los Angeles, at 0:41 of the fourth round of a brisk scrap.

Joe Manley, 139¼, Atlantic City, won a unanimous decision over Carlos Santana, 142, Camden, S.C., eight.

Simon Brown, 142, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Gene Ellington, 144, Cleveland, in just 0:52 of the first.

James Broad, 242, Wildwood, N.J., TKO'd Lonnie Chapman, 209, Summerville, S.C., at 1:16 of the first.

Jimmie Sykes, 163½, Phila., scored a TKO over Larry Frazier, 161½, Goose Creak, S.C., at 0:47 of the sixth.

Alternate Referee—Joe Cortez.

Judges—Richard F. Murry and Frank Brunette.

Promoters—Top Rank, Round One, and Elbuam-Menas Productions.

Attendance—900 (est.).

(07-18)82)

NIGEL COLLINS

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

ALABAMA

▲ **MOBILE—Exposition Hall—**Tillman Brothers (Joe, Jerry, and Jack) Promotions returned boxing to the Port City after three years with a seven-bout card featuring area talent on the undercard and a good eight-round main event. Despite some matching problmes, the card was a success, and future programs should do well.

Mike Hutchinson, 155½, the "Tuscaloosa Kid," knocked out Robert Thomas, 159½, Memphis, in 1:50 of the fourth round in the main go. Hutchinson is now 10-0 with five keyoes. Thomas is a reported 14-5.

Charles Campbell, 156, Mobile, a southpaw, made his pro debut by knocking out fellow debutant Oliver Miller, 164, Mississippi, in the second round of a scheduled six. Campbell had a 113-10 mark in the amateurs. Miller is a former kick boxer.

Charles Allen, 200, Pensacola, Florida, floored debuting Donnie Franklin, 202, Memphis, twice with left hooks to end matters at 1:03 of the first round in their scheduled six. Allen is now 4-0.

Bobby Proffitt, 147, Mobile, made his pro debut by scoring a TKO over Sam Perry, 141, Columbus, at 1:35 of the second in a scheduled four. Proffitt was 67-13 in the amateurs.

Randy Giffin, 161½, Mobile, halted Earle Thomas, 163, Memphis, at 1:15 of the first when Thomas quit claiming an injured jaw. Griffin, who had a 45-7 amateur mark, was making his debut as a professional. Thomas is now 4-3.

Ben Gordon, 182, Mobile, made his debut with a second round (2:40) stoppage of Roy Clarke, 190, Pensacola. Gordon was 93-11 as a simon-pure. Clarke's pro log is now 1-1.

Mike Gamble, 134, Mobile, won a split decision over Darren Dale, 141, Pensacola, in the opening four. Gamble is a southpaw.

Attendance—1,200. Gross—$6,000
(06-24-82)

THOMAS DEAS, JR.

CALIFORNIA

▲ **LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—**Ruben Castillo, 129, Bakersfield, kayoed Manuel Vasquez, 128, in 2:54 of the second round.

John Montes, 136, Wittier, stopped Nacho Jimenez, 139, Stockton, who could not answer the bell for the third round.

Leonardo "Pigeon" Valdez, 120, Mexicalli, decisioned Alvaro Ramos, also 120, 10.

Martin Lujan, 140, Westminster, kayoed Willie White, also 140, Los Angeles, in 1:44 of the opening round.
(04-08-82)

▲ **LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—**Albert Davila, 119, Pamona, decisioned Franco Torregoza, 120, 10.

David Bejines, 120, Guadalajara, won a unanimous decision over Javier Barajas, 119¾, Tuscon, 10.

Johnny Navia, 158, San Francisco, TKO'd Mando Acosta, 156, Los Angeles, late in the second round of a scheduled six.

Harry Truman, 153, Los Angeles, decisioned Felix Casares, also 153, Costa Mesa, four.
(04-29-82)

▲ **CULVER CITY—**Charles Lacour, 140, Seattle, kayoed Leroy Hardeman, also 140, in 2:29 of the fourth round.

Jerome Kelly, 150, Los Angeles, and Ernesto Hernandez, 149, fought to a no decision.

Steve Turner, 172, Los Angeles, decisioned Don Bracey, 169, Los Angeles, four.

Marcus Garcia, 174, Los Angeles, kayoed Mike Agobian, also 174, Riverside, in the third round.
(04-30-82)

▲ **LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—**Davey Armstrong, 137, kayoed Roland Avila, 135, San Antonio, at 0:44 of the sixth.

Richie Sandoval, 117, Pamona, kayoed Miguel Flores, 120, San Antonio, in 1:41 of the second round.

Tony Cerda, 162, Pamona TKO'd James Waire, also 162, Los Angeles, in the sixth round.

Darrel Chambers, 147, Detroit, kayoed Rigoberto Lopez, also 147, Los Angeles, in the third round of a scheduled eight.

Juan Rodriguez, 120, won a unanimous decision over Manuel Cruz, 120, Los Angeles, six.

Jerome Kelly, 150, Los Angeles, outscored Harry Truman, 150, Los Angeles, four.
(05-06-82)

▲ **SAN BERNARDINO—**Filipe Canela, 145, Los Angeles, kayoed Renaldo Roge, 145, Los Angeles, in 2:23 of the sixth round scheduled for 10.

Rudy Hernandez, 144, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over Aaron Brown, 140, Los Angeles, six.

Darrel Huntley, 172½, Huntington, kayoed Robert Taylor, 170, Los Angeles, in 2:57 of the second round of a scheduled four.

Mike Anderson, 130, Los Angeles, kayoed Ruben Guerrero, 130, in the second round of a scheduled four.
(06-04-82)

▲ **LOS ANGELES—Sports Arena—**Pablo Baez, 147, won a unanimous decision over Hedgemon Robertson, 146, Los Angeles, 10.

Four-rounders: Steve Sotello, 135, Los Angeles, stopped Mike Laskey, 146, in 1:06 of the first round. Tony Dibunno, 136, Los Angeles, decisioned Jose Perez, 135. Matthew Lewis, 162, decisioned Steve Bell, 160.
(06-07-82)

▲ **LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium—**Oscar Bejines, 124, Guadalajara kayoed Gaby Conters, 124, San Antonio, in 1:49 of the seventh.

David Bejines, 118, Guadalajara, TKO'd Sylvestre Guerrero, also 118, Los Angeles, in 1:46 of the eighth round.

Thomas Perez, 152, Westminster, kayoed Juan Colado, 151, in 1:44 of the fourth of a scheduled six.

Danny Ortiz, 136, Simi, kayoed Rico Juarez, 135, Los Angeles, at 1:50 of the first of a scheduled four.
(06-17-82)

▲ **BAKERSFIELD—Kern County Fair Grounds—**Gonzalo Montellano, 136, Bakersfield, TKO'd Roy Hernandez, also 136, at 2:29 of the fifth round.

Harvey Salomon, 160, stopped Matt Valu, 167, Fuji Islands, at 2:58 of the first round of a scheduled eight.

Francisco Veloz, 132, decisioned Aurellio Reyes, also 132, six.
(06-21-82)

PAUL ARMSTRONG

COLORADO

▲ **DENVER—University Arena—**World Championship Sports presented its second card, featuring two WAA world title establishing bouts.

Kenny Crooms, 152½, Los Angeles, won a unanimous decision over J.J. Cottrell, 154, Denver, 15, to win the junior middle crown. Scoring: referee Paul Barcelona, 145-140; judge Eddie Crowder, 148-142; judge Bill Donahue, 147-145.

Calvin Sheppard, 116¾, won the bantamweight crown by knocking out Mando Loredo, 117¼, Corpus Christi, Texas, in the seventh with a short right hand. Paul Barcelona, referee.

Gary Baca, 148, Denver, TKO'd Sultan Saladin, 149, Denver, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

Damon Johnson, 145, Denver, and Oran Butler, also 145, Denver, drew, four. The scores were 39-39 (twice) and 39-38, Johnson.
(06-19-82)

MICHAEL KLAHR

CONNECTICUT

▲ **BRIDGEPORT—Wonderland of Ice—**Scott Lukachik, 210, Bridgeport, stopped Jose Rosario, 213, New York, in round three of a scheduled eight.

New England junior welterweight champ Herb Darity, 143, Hartford, outscored Jorge Nina, also 143, New York, eight.

Wilbur Henderson, 165, Hartford, outpointed Art Rogers, 168, Patterson, N.J., six.

Danny Chapman, 150, Troy, New York, won a majority decision over Glen Burnett, 150, Lynn, Mass., six.

Kenny Butler, 157, Lynn, outpointed Bobby Thompson, 155, Mt. Vernon, New York, six.

Troy Wortham, 134, Hartford, stopped Gilbert DeJesus, 132, New York, in three.

Reggie Hill, 132, New York, outscored Ken Jones, 135, Norwalk, Conn., four.

Referees/Judges—Lou Bogash, Sam Maltempo, Matt Mullaney.

Timekeeper—Lou Dell.

Announcer—Joe Thomas.

BEL Promotions.

Attendance—631. Gross—$8,960.
(06-17-82)

▲ **HARTFORD—Dillon Stadium—**New England welterweight champ Papo Figueroa, 145, Hartford, raised his record to 22-2-3 by stopping Jackie Morrell, 149, Lowell, Mass., in the fourth round of a scheduled non-title 10. Referee Sam Maltempo stopped the duel at 2:05 after the Bay State had been raked by several blows and offered no retaliation.

Julio DeJesus, 130, Holyoke, Mass., won a majority decision over Ray (Pookie) Agar, 131, Hartford, six.

Carlos Lopez, 155½, Hartford, and Jesus Munoz, 156, Hartford, drew, four.

Luis (Kid) Cocoa, 143, Hartford, stopped Curtis Anthony, 145, Newark, N.J., in two.

Pedro (Snake) Rosario, 156, Hartford, won a majority decision over Wayde Davis, 157, Hartford, four.

Referees/Judges—Sam Maltempo, Lou Bogash, Matt Mullaney.

Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.

Announcer—Lou Dell.

Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein.

Jim Figg Promotions.

Attendance—293.
(06-18-82)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▲ **MIAMI—Milander Auditorium—**Mauricio Rodriguez, 142, Tampa, won a hard fought verdict over young Dexter Smith, also 142, Homestead, 10. Smith lost when he tired in the late rounds; it was his first 10. Rodriguez is now 12-1.

Don Setzer, 153, Miami, TKO'd Tony Lee, 155, Miami, at 1:32 of the second in a scheduled six. Setzer's looking better every outing.

Danny Butler, 141, Miami, TKO'd Santiago Nava, also 141, Miami, at 2:05 of the first round.

Jorge Fonesca, 160, Miami, kayoed Henry Granger, 161, Miami, in 2:13 of the second.

Nino Ribalta, 205, Miami, kayoed Kenneth Ring, 206, Miami, in 2:10 of round three.

Popular Danny Sanchez, 143, Miami, TKO'd Kevin Couner, 145, Miami, at 1:05 of the third round in a scheduled six.

Dario de Asa, 159, Miami, TKO'd Al Cook, 155, Ft. Lauderdale, at 1:35 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Carlos Albluerne, 126, Miami, and Gavilan Gonzalez, 128, Miami, drew, six.

Promoter—Julio Martinez.

Attendance—850.
(06-18-82)

▲ **FT. LAUDERDALE—War Memorial Auditorium—**Reiner Hartmann, 215, Angelo Dundee's Golden Boy from Germany, knocked out Irish Joe Mooney, 288, Savannah, Georgia, in 1:22 of the second in a scheduled eight. Hartmann is now 10-1-1, and is scheduled to fight Bernd August for the German heavyweight title on September 24.

Juan Arroyo, 130, Miami, won a unanimous decision over Manny Vega, 137½, Orlando, in a whirlwind six.

Gary Garver, 143, West Palm Beach, and Artie Johnson, 139, Ft. Lauderdale, drew, six.

Popular Pete Trametera, 165, Coral Springs, kayoed Roberto Riasco, 153, Panama City, Panama, in 2:59 of the second round in a scheduled six. Pete is now 8-1.

Danny Alexander, 162, Belle Glade, outscored Isasc Valdez, 165, Tampa, four.

Keely Andrea, 172, Miami, showed a good left jab in scoring a freak third round TKO over Eric Hicks, 176, Homestead. Both fighters tumbled out of the ring, and both struggled back with the help of the writers at ringside. Hicks, however, wrenched a shoulder and couldn't continue.

Referees—Bernie Soto, Eddie Echardt.

Pugilistic Promotions, Inc. (Hank Kaplan and Romiro Ortiz).

Attendance—1,288.
(06-23-82)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

INDIANA

▲ **INDIANAPOLIS—Sherwood Club—**This card featured eight bouts, a total of 40 scheduled rounds of boxing.

Ric Enis, 190, Union City, Indiana, halted Lewis Papen, 189, Grand Island, Nebraska, at 1:25 of round three.

Tommie Stevenson, 200, Indianapolis, iced Henry Johnson, 202, Middletown, Ohio in 0:42 of the first.

Billy Bradley, 150, Indianapolis, won by a disqualification over Walter Ivory, 146, Little Rock, Arkansas, in round two.

Billy Smith, 130, Kendallville, Indiana, outpointed Ted Spencer, 135, Little Rock, four. Smith, a southpaw, apparently broke his left hand in round three.

Jerry Rosenberg, 133, Indianapolis, outpointed Kenny Baron, 130, Kendallville, four.

Jeff Fryman, 135, Albany, Kentucky, kayoed Jeff Foster, 133, Cincinnati, in 1:35 of round one. Fryman was knocked down earlier in the round.

Mike Pollitt, 155, New Lisbon, Indiana, TKO'd Roland Johnson, 152, New York, at 2:55 of round two.

Harold Brazier, 147, Mishawaka, Indiana, halted Tim Hall, 149, Middletown, Indiana, at 2:05 of round three.

Promoter—Fred Berns. Matchmaker—Pete Susens.
(06-24-82)

GARY L. MERRITT

ILLINOIS

▲ **CHICAGO—Park West—**Two eight-rounders headlined.

Tom Tarrantino, 147, Menominee Falls, Wisc., staged a strong last round finish to cop a split decision over Larry Mayes, 147½, Kansas City, Missouri, in a rugged, hard fought battle. Tarrantino, 29, and Mayes, 32, were the oldest boxers on the card.

Louie Mateo, 149, Chicago, won a split decision over Ephraim Bennett, 145, Harvey, Illinois, in a battle of local 20-year-olds. Mateo was down in round four. A super bout.

Six-rounders: Mike (Choir Boy) Landini, 152, Chicago, kayoed Jeff Gettamy, 146, Chicago, in 2:30 of the first round. Jesse James, 144, Indianapolis, won a split decision over "Good Time" Henry Mobley, 140, Chicago. Andrew Ruiz, 136½, Chicago, won a unanimous duke over Gary Gamble, 135, Indianapolis.

Fours: Carlos Tite, 166½, Hammond, Indiana, knocked out Garland Tipton, 171, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1:09 of the second for his sixth pro win without defeat. Rosendo Tavio, 127, Cuba, made his pro debut with a TKO over Floyd Buckley, 121, Anderson, Indiana, at 1:20 of round three. Joey Ruiz, 138, Chicago (Andrew's brother), outscored Mike Essett, 141, Indianapolis.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Brian O'Shea.

Judges—Al Tremari, Harold Marovitz; Mike Glienna, Jerry Hults.

Timekeeper—Kenny Kinch.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Jorge Tovar.

Announcer—Ben Bentley.

Promoter—Arny Granat.

Attendance—279. Gross—$5,580.

Televised over local Sportsvision.
(06-14-82)

▲ **CHICAGO—Bismarck Hotel—**The scheduled 10-round main event featured a startling, upset finish. Wayne Lynum, 123, Chicago, was winning handily over Robert Mullins, 123½, Spartanburg, South Carolina, for the first six rounds, and had Mullins down twice. In the seventh, Lynum literally walked into a perfectly timed Mullins left hook and went out cold. The unexpected finish was a total shocker for the crowd, as well as for Lynum.

Lenny LaPaglia, 161, Melrose Park, Illinois, TKO'd Sugar Lee Cohen, 164½, Spartanburg, in the first round of the scheduled eight-frame semi-final.

Six-rounders: Mike (Choir Boy) Landini, 153, Chicago, won a unanimous decision over Billy Goodwin, 154, Milwaukee. Ali Karim Muhammad, 141, Chicago, won a unanimous duke over Sam Alvelo, 140, Chicago. Alvelo was decked in the second and took a heavy pounding, but he didn't flinch and kept on coming. Kevin Austin, 140, Milwaukee, kayoed C.B. Brown, 139, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1:03 of round six. Mike Brothers, 174, Chicago, TKO'd Joe Batton, 172, Milwaukee, who could not come out for the second due to an injured shoulder.

Fours: Dave Townsend, 225, Chicago, TKO'd Acie Bunch, 244, Rock Island, Illinois, at 0:41 of round three with a sharp right uppercut. John Lard, 173½, Davenport, Iowa, kayoed Khoren Perzigian, 173½, Chicago, in 2:21 of the first. Carlos Tite, 169, Hammond, Indiana, brought his log to 7-0 by knocking out Gary Jones, 163, Milwaukee, in 1:47 of the second.

Referees—Nate Morgan, Stanley Berg.

Judges—Harding McCain, James DiVito, Bill Lerch, Harold Marovitz.

Timekeeper—Al Tremari.

Ringside Physician—Dr.Glenn Bynum.

Announcer—Angelo Buscaglia.

Promoter—Ernest Terrell.

Attendance—825.

Televised over local Sportsvision.
(06-21-82)

BOB SODERMAN

MARYLAND

▲ **BALTIMORE—Hilton Hotel—**Herb Wilens, 160¼, Gaithersburg, TKO'd late sub Jonathan O'Hara, 156½, Vineland, N.J., at 2:15 of the fifth round in the scheduled eight-round main event. Larry Barrett, referee.

Dale Staley, 158, knocked down Robert Thomas, 153½, Philadelphia, with a right hand in the seventh and won via unanimous decision, eight.

George Burton, 148, Baltimore, outscored Ralph Johnson, 143, Washington, D.C., six.

Awkward but game Eddie Sauerhoff, 148¼, Catonsville, came from behind to flatten Francis Davis, 148, Hyattsville, in the final round of a slated four to get a draw.

Eddie (Speedy) Van Kirk, 135, Baltimore, outpointed Tim Davis, 132, Philly, four.

Robert Moore, 146, Alexandria, won a split nod over Anthony Williams, 143, Hyattsville, four.

Preliminary referees—Terry Moore, Harry Cecchini, Larry Barrett, Joe Bunsa.

Main event judges—Ray Klingmeyer, Terry Moore.

Promoters—Dr. Robert Sussman, Vince Cala (Boxing Enterprises).

Attendance—624.
(06-23-82)

ED SCULLEN

MASSACHUSETTS

▲ **SOUTH YARMOUTH—Cape Cod Coliseum—**Boston promoter Rip Valenti put together the best fight card this growing beach resort area has ever seen.

Robbie Sims, 158½, Brockton, Mass., battered 11th hour sub Fred Reed, 165½, Chicago, all over the ring before referee Dick Flaherty of Boston wisely stepped in at 1:58 of round five.

"Irish" Billy Cronin, 209, Medford, Mass., kayoed Bernie Keyes, 215, Washington, D.C., in 1:25 of the second. Cronin is now 5-0—all kayoes. Keyes is 3-7.

Terry Crawley, 152, Cape Cod, made his pro debut by knocking out fellow debutant Jesus Monez, 156, Hartford, in 1:43 of the second. Crawley had 111 victories as an amateur, and won the AAU's Northeast Region 156-pound title in March.

Former Canadian middleweight champion Chris Clarke, 154½, now fighting out of Jimmy Connolly's gym in South Boston, won an unimpressive unanimous decision over pushover Tony Taylor, 146½, Muncie, Indiana, eight. The scores were 60-55 (twice) and 59-57. Clarke is now 26-2 and Taylor is 9-8.

James Lucas, 154, now fighting out of the Petronelli brothers Brockton gym, knocked out former New England welter champ Jackie Smith, 154½, Boston, in 2:02 of the first. Lucas is now 5-0.

Greg Joseph, 147, Manchester, N.H., won a unanimous decision over Chi Chi Hernandez, also 147, Hartford. Joseph, a miniature Gene Fullmer, is now 2-1. The stylish Hernandez is 5-3-1.

Referees—Dick Flaherty, Walt Byars.

Judges—Ed Bradley, Don O'Neill.

Promoter—Rip Valenti.

Attendance—1,858.
(04-30-82)

▲ **SOUTH YARMOUTH—Cape Cod Coliseum—**John (Dino) Denis, 215, Brockton, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Dixon, 190, Chicago, 10.

"Irish" Billy Cronin, 213, Medford, Mass., kayoed Jim Restauri, 195, Plymouth Pa., in 2:10 of the second. Cronin, 24, is now 5-0 with four kayoes. He's managed and trained by Jimmy Connolly of South Boston.

"Sweet" Stevie Hilyard, 142, Brockton, won a split decision over Roberto (El Matador) Hernandez, 142¼, Lynn, Mass., eight. Hilyard is now 10-0. Hernandez is 9-4.

Ray Rosa, 147, Paterson, N.J., iced Don Lewis, also 147, Boston, at 2:41 of the second.

Billy Smith, 142, Boston, halted Garland Wright, also 142, Scranton, Pa., in the second.

Terry Crawley, 151, Hyannis, Mass., outscored Robert Thomas, 154, Philadelphia, six.

Jeff Perry, 179, Falmouth, Mass., and Jimmy Harrison, 175, Boston, drew.

Jerimiah Santiago, 132, Paterson, N.J., and Dan Avery, 135, Lynn, Mass., drew.

Referees—Ed Fitzgerald, Clarence Yates.

Judges—Dan Delicio, Ed Bradley.

Promoter—Jim Troy.

Attendance—1,230.
(06-04-82)

▲ **BOSTON—Boston Garden—**If you're from out of town, Boston's a tough place to win a fight. If the politicians don't fleece you with outragious sales taxes, boxing judges will send you packing with a hometown decision. Legend has it you have to kayo the local hero to win. Nothing else counts.

Rafael Lopez, 126, Providence, R.I., proved the exception to the rule. Lopez upset junior featherweight contender Freddie Roach, 122, Dedham, Mass., with a 10-round split decision in the Garden's main event.

A skillful southpaw, Lopez held tough Freddie at bay with his lightning fast jabs. Everytime that Roach moved in on Lopez, the lefty countered with stiff right jabs and a barrage of right-left combos. Lopez's punches had opened up a one-inch cut under Roach's left eye by round six.

Roach's best round was the ninth, when he caught Lopez in a neutral corner and almost put him away. But Rafael was able to fight his way out of trouble.

Scoring: referee Bill Connelly, 97-96; Lopez; judge Bob McCoy, 100-93, Lopez; judge Dan Mullen, 97-94, Roach.

Lopez is now 21-2. Roach is 27-2.

Pepper Roach, 122, Freddie's brother, won a highly disputed split decision over hardluck Jamie Rodriguez, 123, Lowell, Mass., six. Pepper is now 5-0. Rodriguez is 0-7—all out-of-town split decisions.

Joey Roach, 106, another one of Freddie's brothers, kayoed Joey Venier, also 106, Albany, New York, in 0:40 of the first round. Roach is now 2-0. Venier is 0-1.

Edwin Curet, 136, Brockton, kayoed hapless Jose Ortiz, also 136, in 0:50 of the second. Curet, handled by the Petronellis, is now 9-0-1. Ortiz, who should never be allowed to fight again, is 2-13.

James Lucas, 149, Lynn, Mass., won a unanimous decision over Andre Harris, 151, Albany, New York, six. Lucas is now 5-0. Harris is 2-4-1.

Referees—Bill Connelly, Nick Previti.

Judges—Bob McCoy, Dan Mullen.

Timekeepers—Jerry Albano, George DeFillipo.

Promoter—Rip Valenti.

Attendance—6,161.
(06-11-82)

STEVE CONNOLLY

MICHIGAN

▲ **DETROIT—Joe Louis Arena—**Bruce Lahti put on a three-bout live card to support the Holmes-Cooney CC telecast.

Former WBA lightweight champion Hilmer Kenty, 137, Detroit, returned to action for the first time since his loss to Sean O'Grady and had little trouble knocking out Chris Fernandez, also 137, New York, in 1:09 of the fourth. Kenty had Fernandez down three times.

Forrest Winchester, 134¾, Columbus, Ohio, Hilmer's half brother, returned from a one-year (exactly) lay-off and pounded out a tough decision over Terry Butler, 137, Akron, Ohio, eight. Winchester is now 13-1-1.

Brett Lally, 139, Westland, Michigan, won a unanimous decision over Kenny Smith, also 139, Detroit, six, in the crowd pleasing opener.

Referees—Harry Papacharalambous, Bob Watson.
(06-11-82)

▲ **DETROIT—Twenty Grand Showroom—**Jerome (Lightning Licks) Kinney, 139, Detroit, won the vacant Michigan State junior welter title by outpointing previously undefeated Arnie Wells, also 139, Davison. The bout was fairly even until Kinney started to pull away towards the end. Jerome thought he had won this title in August, 1981 when he beat Ralph Twinning of Muskegon in Traverse City, but was later told the bout had not been sanctioned as a title contest.

Arthel Lawhorne, 168, Detroit, the 1982 National Golden Gloves champ, raised his pro log to 3-0 with a knockout over Gerald Moore, 162, Cincinnati, in 1:25 of the first. This was Lawhorne's third straight first round kayo.

George Miracle, 127, moved to 4-0 with a split decision over Darryl (Money) Graham, 128, Detroit, four. Graham is now 4-3.

The three remaining bouts saw the pro debuts of three men from the Detroit Spirits Boxing Team, which operates out of the Spiritual Israel Church. The Spirits are trained and managed by S. Roland Scott, who almost single handedly put this program together and brought it off quite well.

Earl (Jake The Snake) Jenkins, 164¾, halted Mike Lee, 173, Cincinnati, at 0:32 of the second after dropping him once in each round. Jenkins is 45 years old, but has the body of a 20-year-old. He's had six amateur fights, and is an ex-convict, an ex-drug addict, and an ex-alcoholic.

Erskine Wade, 128¼, Detroit, kayoed Terry Walker, 125½, Cincinnati, with a left hook in 2:03 of the first.

Eric (The Whip) Curry, 164, knocked out Ozzie Masters, 161, Cincinnati, in 0:41 of the first.

Referees—Tom Briscoe, Harry Papacharalambous.

Attendance—500.
(06-17-82)

DAVE HARTOON

NEBRASKA

▲ **OMAHA—**Class is the word for Marvin Camel, 186, Ronan, Montana, who stopped a tough foe in Leo Rogers, 179, Dominican Republic, in a scheduled 12-round USBA crusierweight title bout.

The muscular Rogers was the aggressor, but Camel sidestepped Leo's rushes with expertise and countered sharply, especially to the body. The blows eventually took their toll on Rogers, who was unable to come out for round five. Marvin is now 41-4-2, and is seeking a title shot at WBC cruiser champ S.T. Gordon or at Leon Spinks. Leo is 26-12.

UNITED STATES RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Page (Kentucky)
1. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
2. Gerry Cooney (New York)
3. Tim Witherspoon (Pennsylvania)
4. Randall (Tex) Cobb (Pennsylvania)
5. James Tillis (Illinois)
6. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
7. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
8. John Tate (Tennessee)
9. Leon Spinks (Pennsylvania)
10. Larry Frazier (Washington)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jerry Martin (Pennsylvania)
1. Matthew Saad Muhammad (Pennsylvania)
2. Eddie Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
3. S.T. Gordon (Nevada)
4. Eddie Davis (New York)
5. Carlos DeLeon (Puerto Rico)
6. John Davis (New York)
7. Jerry Celestine (Louisiana)
8. James Scott (New Jersey)
9. Marvin Camel (Montana)
10. Marvin Johnson (Indiana)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Davison (Michigan)
1. Frank Fletcher (Pennsylvania)
2. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
3. Ray Seales (Washington)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Bernard Mays (Michigan)
6. Alex Ramos (New York)
7. Wilford Scypion (New Jersey)
8. Vinnie Curto (Massachusetts)
9. Bobby Czyz (New Jersey)
10. Mark Holmes (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Fratto (New York)
1. Tony Ayala (Texas)
2. Gary Guiden (Indiana)
3. Clint Jackson (Tennessee)
4. James Green (New Jersey)
5. Mike McCallum (New York)
6. Bruce Johnson (Florida)
7. Mario Maldonado (New Jersey)
8. Tony Braxton (New Jersey)
9. Mark Medal (New Jersey)
10. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Milton McCrory (Michigan)
1. Donald Curry (Texas)
2. Roger Stafford (Pennsylvania)
3. Kevin Howard (Pennsylvania)
4. Bobby Joe Young (Ohio)
5. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
6. Mark Harris (New Jersey)
7. Robert Sawyer (Washington, D.C.)
8. Pete Ranzany (California)
9. Randy Shields (California)
10. Sean O'Grady (Oklahoma)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (Tennessee)
1. Saoul Mamby (New York)
2. Steve Hearon (Texas)
3. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
4. Dujuan Johnson (Michigan)
5. Billy Costello (New York)
6. Willie Rodriguez (Pennsylvania)
7. Bruce Curry (Texas)
8. Monroe Brooks (California)
9. Tony Baltazar (California)
10. Jorge Morales (California)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Gonzalo Montellano (California)
3. Ruben Munoz (Texas)
4. Art Frias (California)
5. Hilmer Kenty (Michigan)
6. Roberto Elizondo (Texas)
7. Herman Montes (California)
8. Livingstone Bramble (New Jersey)
9. Ken Bogner (New Jersey)
10. Curtis Harris (New Jersey)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Verderosa (New York)
1. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
2. Rolando Navarrete (Hawaii)
3. Hector Camacho (New York)
4. Bobby Chacon (California)
5. Frankie Baltazar (California)
6. Irving Mitchell (California)
7. Tony Santana (New York)
8. Ralph Aviles (Hawaii)
9. Rafael Solis (Puerto Rico)
10. Louie Loy (Oregon)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ruben Castillo (California)
1. Juan LaPorte (New York)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
5. Bernabe Montanez (Puerto Rico)
6. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
7. Paul DeVorce (New York)
8. Mark Davis (California)
9. Rocky Garcia (California)
10. Richard Savala (Michigan)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (New York)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Carmelo Negron (New York)
3. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
4. Oscar Muniz (California)
5. Jose Canizales (Texas)
6. Nicky Perez (Arizona)
7. Franco Torregoza (California)
8. Jose Parilla (Puerto Rico)
9. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
10. Derrik Holmes (Maryland)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
1. Albert Davila (California)
2. Oscar Muniz (California)
3. Richard Sandoval (California)
4. Freddie Jackson (Texas)
5. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
6. Mario Chavez (California)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. Harold Petty (Texas)
9. Ricardo Varela (California)
10. Ruben Solario (Puerto Rico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Jensen (Nevada)
1. Felix Castillo (Texas)
2. Joey Olivo (California)
3. Alonso Gonzales (California)
4. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
5. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
6. Steve Whetstone (Florida)
7. Henry Brent (New York)
8. Julio Rodriquez (Hawaii)
9. Norberto Castellanos (Texas)
10. Ron Cisneros (Colorado)

The United States Ratings were compiled by the Editors of *Ring*, along with the tabulated ballots of the American panelists on *Ring*'s International Ratings Panel.

Jerry Banks, 224, Omaha, halted Levon Bumpers, 225, Minneapolis, in the first round. Don Lee, 165, Houston, stopped Dale Spain, also 165, Des Moines, in three. Mackie Heimbaugh, 150, Des Moines, TKO'd Dick Fisher, 152, Spokane, in five. Rap Valdez, 145, Omaha, outscored Timmy Johnson, 155, Minneapolis, four. (Valdez, who was out of shape for Johnson, is Omaha's best current prospect.) Jerry Franco, 125, Sioux City, Iowa, halted Dave Lee, 129, Minneapolis, in four.

Attenadnce—956.
(06-30-82)

ROBERT J. RUIZ

NEW JERSEY

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Veteran Philly heavyweight Randy Mack handed William Hosea his first loss as a pro, scoring a majority decision over 10. Scores were 6-4 and 5-4-1 for Mack, with a 4-4-2 Stalemate making it a majority call.

It was an excellent fight, with toe-to-toe slugging virtually every round. The action was see-saw and the outcome in the balance down to the wire.

Mack, 216½, had more snap to his punches, while Hosea tended to push his. A closed left eye bothered Hosea, 200, Bloomington, Ill., but he never gave up, coming on well when Mack tired.

Despite his first loss after 10 straight wins, Hosea was pleased with his performance against his first "stand-up" opponent.

"I don't want my son to look in the magazines and see that his father was a chump," said William.

Unbeaten Tony Tucker, 215, Detroit, was taken the distance for the first time in his budding career when runner James Dixon, 183, Chicago, survived the entire eight rounds. Try as he might, Tucker just couldn't put Dixon away. The loser was down for an automatic eight-count in the fifth, and all three officials scored it 8-0 for Tucker.

A rusty Brodericker Mason, 203, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Larry Givens, 206, Cincinnati, in a close six-rounder that was voted "Prelim of the Night." Mason had to survive a sucker right that dropped him in the first.

Vernon Reed, 161, Pittsburgh, scored a unanimous decision over Randy Smith, 159, Chicago, six.

Billy Saunders, 176½, Vineland, N.J., drew over four entertaining rounds with Francis Sargent, 176¾, Peoria, Ill., to open a good card.

Referees—Ronnie Burns and Rudy Battle.
Judges—Harold Lederman and Milo Savage.
Promoters—Teddy Menas and Don Elbaum
(05-15-82)

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Welterweight Kevin (The Spoiler) Howard continued to impress, scoring a 10th round TKO over fellow Philadelphian Johnny Cooper in a crisp, fast-paced match televised live over NBC-TV.

Howard, fresh from his upset victory over Bobby Joe Young, seems to have finally hit his stride. Kevin is really putting out now, fighting three minutes of every round, showing a far superior form than when he dropped a pair of majority decisions to Roger Stafford last year. He pressured Cooper from the opening bell and didn't ease up until referee Tony Perez called him off at 1:32 of the last round.

Cooper, also coming off a good win (over Mike Picciotti), tried to box on the retreat, shooting out his talented left hand as he went. He moved well, raising a lump under Kevin's right eye with his jabs and hooks. It was not, however, enough to hold Howard at bay.

Howard, 150, decked Cooper, 147¼, in the seventh, ninth, and 10th rounds with his powerful right. Each time, Cooper beat the count, and fought back bravely with everything he had. When another right sent Johnny reeling, shortly after the knockdown in the 10th, Perez decided that enough was enough. There was no protest from the loser.

Howard, 21, raised his pro record to 15-2-1 (eight stoppages), while Coper, 25, dropped to 13-8-3 (nine kayoes).

Streaking Philly lightweight Charlie (Cho Cho) Brown, 138¼, punched out a unanimous eight-round decision over game Marcus Stakrs, 139½, Hartford, Conn., in the main support. Brown was the aggressor throughout, bloodying Starks' nose and winning with room to spare. It was his seventh win in a row, 17-2-1 (13 kayoes) overall. STarks dipped to 10-6-2 (six kayoes).

Victor Pappa, 141, Ridley Township, Pa., returned to the ring after a lengthy lay-off to score a fourth round TKO over Michael Frazier, 134½, Philadelphia. The hard punching Pappa dropped Frazier with a right in the first and was well on his way to victory when Frazier was forced to retire because of a fractured right collar bone. Time: 1:37 of the fourth.

Jame (The African Lion) Olatunde, 178½, Phila., beat the tar out of Bill Tuttle, 176, Bowie, Md., for a unanimous eight-round decision. This was a bout that should never have been allowed to go the distance. The fans were yelling for referee Frank Cappuccino to "stop the fight" as early as the fifth, but, for reasons best known to him, Cappuccino let the rout continue.

Roy Melton, 120½, Phila., won a unanimous decision over Marin Breckenbough, 126½, Philadelphia, six. Lionel Byarm, 177, Phila., scored a unanimous decision over Le (Soup) Campbell, 173½, Camden, N.J., four. Gregory Turner, 130¼, Phila., TKO'd Calvin Grove, 126½, Pottstown, Pa., in one.

Judges—John Stewart and Frank Brunette.
Promoter—Peltz Boxing Promotions, Inc.
Attendance—500 (est.).
(06-13-82)

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Claridge Hotel Casino—Talented Bobby Johnson, 133, Easton, Pa., continued his progress with a TKO over Jimmy Washington, 132, Phila., at 1:45 of the third round in a scheduled eight. While it lasted, the match was an all-action shootout, with each fighter trying to gun the other down in furious exchanges. A left hook decked Washington in the second and cut his right eye. He was allowed out for the third, but was soon battered down again and ruled unfit to continue.

Fred McMunn, 159¼, Phila., kayoed John White, 160, Newport News, Va., at 2:11 of the first. White seemed to be looking for an easy way out and found it when McMunn tagged him with a left-right to the body. White looked capable of rising, but decided not to.

Hulking Joe Thomas, 239, Phoenixville, Pa., had another easy mark in tiny Scott Huston, 194½, Columbus, Ohio, blasting him for a TKO at the end of the second. A total mismatch.

In the best fight of a poor night of boxing, Vincent (The Blace) Christian, 125¼, Phila., TKO'd Leon Drummone, 126, Easton, at 1:25 of the sixth and final round. Although fairly one-sided, this one was at least competitive.

Steve Traitz, 163½, Norristown, Pa., disposed of Tom Hutson, 161, Columbus, at 0:42 of the first in another pointless mismatch. A single right to the head ended the garbage in quick order.

Willie Harris, 150¾, Eagleville, Pa., TKO'd Paul Farley, 144½, Columbus, at 0:28 of the second. This was still another piece of trash.

Former WBC light heavy king Matthew Saad Muhammad boxed a pair of two-round exhibitions, stopping Tony Anthony and toying with Dave Dittmar. Saad looked sharp.

Referees—Rudy Battle and Paul Venti.
Judges—Bill Kostrub and Phil Newman.
Promoter—Joe Hand.
Attendance—650. Gate—$13,000.

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—One of the great things about boxing is that, every now and then, the underdog wins. Tonight's main event was a perfect example of such an occurrence. Ben Serrano, sporting a less-than-glorious 4-10-2 record coming in, beat the stuffings out of hot prospect Don King for a clean kayo at 1:58 of the seventh.

"They look at my record and think I'm a nobody," said Serrano following his big win.

Well, Ben is somebody now. King was undefeated in 15 pro outings (13 kayoes) and considered a fighter on the rise. Serrano, on the other hand, was considered nothing more than a rugged workout. What a difference one fight can make!

Serrano, 155½, Warminster, Pa., dominated the bout, taking the fight to King, 157¾, Indianapolis, and pounding away with hard shots to the body. King made the mistake of trying to stand and trade. By the time he decided to move and box, it was too late. Don had nothing left to hold Serrano at bay. A left hook to the ribs dropped King, and he was counted out by referee Zack Clayton. All three officials had Serrano ahead at the time of the knockout.

Maurice Blocker, 145, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Larry Fleming, 148, Cincinnati, at 2:11 of the fourth. Simon Brown, 141½, Washington, D.C., TKO'd Cliff Lee, 141¾, Newark, N.J., at 0:28 of the second. Jerry Capobianco, 176, Huntington, New York, kayoed Russell Bell, 169¾, Phila., at 1:27 of the first. Rodney Watts, 130¾, New York, won a unanimous decision over Chet Richardson, 126½, Youngstown, Ohio, six. Tommy Ayers, 142, Cincinnati, TKO'd Kenny Smith, 141, Detroit, at 2:30 of the first.

Alternate Referee—Frank Cappuccino.
Judges—John Stewart and Frank Brunette.
Promoters—Teddy Menas and Don Elbaum.
Attendance—1,200.
(06-22-82)

▲ ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino—Alvino (Killer) Manson devastated favored Qudir Muntaqim, scoring a TKO at 1:38 of the fourth round in a scheduled 12 and winning the new ESPN light heavyweight belt. Manson succeeds WBC champ Dwight Braxton as the second man to win the cable-TV title. Whether or not Alvino can follow in Braxton's footsteps remains to be seen. If nothing else, he can certainly punch with anyone in the divison.

It looked for awhile the match would be a complete bore. Manson chased and Muntaqim ran. Clinches were frequent and the fans were starting to voice their displeasure. Then, in the fourth, Manson, 172¾, Indianapolis, nailed Quadir with a vicious right to the chops, sending him crashing to the boards.

Muntaqim, 172¼, Blackwood, N.J., scrambled up and sought refuge along the ropes. Manson moved in and connected with three crunching left hooks to the side of the head. Quadir was out on his feet before the third hook sent him down again. Referee Larry Hazzard quickly rushed in and stopped the fight without a count. It took several minutes to revive the loser. It was Manson's 10th knockout in an overall record of 11-1.

Despite the importance of the main event, it was the 10-round semi-final that brought out the fans and stole the show. It

was a blood-drenched war from first bell to last with Kenny (Bang Bang) Bogner scoring a unanimous decision over Kato Wilson by scores of 8-1-1, 7-3, and 6-2-2. Top Rank was so pleased with the brawl that they awarded a $500 bonus to each fighter.

Bogner, 135, Trenton, opened with a rush and tried to blow Wilson, 135, New York, right out of the ring in the opening round. Kato hung tough and fought back.

A nasty gash appeared over Bogner's left eye in the fourth, but he continued his non-stop attack, ignoring the steady flow of blood that smeared his face and chest with gore.

Wilson took his punishment well and managed to get back into the fight the second half. He scored well in spots, but never really stopped Bogner's onslaught. Kato was also cut over his left eye in the final round. The pro-Bogner crowd gave both battlers an ovation at the sound of the final bell.

Bogner, who ran his pro log to 19-1-1 (13 kayoes), was supported by several bus loads of fans who made the trip down from Trenton. They helped add a lot of atmosphere to the normally placid casino environment. Wilson dropped to 9-3-1, with six early endings to his credit.

Mike Tinley outpunched Luis Rivera over eight brisk rounds to win the "Battle of Camden." Both junior middleweight prospects hail from Camden and had developed an intense rivalry. Tinley, 155½, pressed the issue and landed the greater number of clean punches. Rivera, 154, countered on the move with hard body shots, but just couldn't keep up with the fast pace set by his adversary. There were no knockdowns.

Tinley upped his record to 8-1-1, while Rivera dropped to 8-3.

Exciting prospect Billy Collins, 153¼, Antioch, Tenn., survived a rocky opening round to rally and stop Jose Fuentes, 152½, Jersey City, at 1:37 of the third. Collins is now 6-9, with five kayoes.

Brown Sugar, 161, Newark, TKO'd Lamont Williams, 159¼, Camden, at 1:21 of the first. Rich McCain, 140, Phila., scored a majority decision over Cookie James, 135¾, Phila., four. Larry McKeever, 136, Pearl River, N.Y., TKO'd Robert Jones, 138¼, Phila., in just 0:34 of the first.

The excellent card was televised live over ESPN.

Referees—Larry Hazzard and Joe Cortez.

Juedges—Phil Newman and Eva Shain.

Promoter—Top Rank, Inc.

Attendance—850 (capacity).

(06-23-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Pat Cuillo, now fighting under the name of Vic Valentino, scored a majority decision over Steve Zouski in a sloppy maul, devoid of either skill or thrill. Cuillo/Valentino was supposed to meet veteran heavy Jimmy Young, but when Young came down with a tummy-ache, Zouski came in as a late sub.

Guillo, 189, Niagra Falls, is a strange fighter who wears the look of a man who wants to burp, but can't. He spends much of his time stalling, ostensibly looking for a chance to counter. Despite ample opportunity against the wild-swinging Zouski, Pat/Vic never really opened-up, choosing instead to pose and posture.

Zouski, 202, Brockton, Mass., worked hard, but never accomplished much, most of his punches fanning the breeze. All-in-all, a bummer fight.

In the semi-final, Donny (The Master of Disaster) Long, 215, Columbus, Ohio, blew away Amos Haynes, 216, Youngstown, Ohio, with a flurry of head shots for a TKO at 1:24 of the third round in a scheduled eight. Long is now 10-0, with six kayoes, but has yet to be tested against a live opponent.

In the "Prelim of the Night," Anibal Ortiz, 121½, Brooklyn, scored a TKO over Robert Overton, 126, Columbus, at 2:35 of the fourth. This was a lively affair, with Overton putting up a good scrap until Ortiz (4-0, four kayoes) overpowered him.

Christopher Bowen, 139, Washington, D.C., and Mike Essett, 144, Indianapolis, fought to a majority draw over four uneventful rounds.

Pittsburgh's Carl Jordan 156½, won a unanimous decision over rugged Jerry O'Hara, 151½, Vineland, N.J., in a good mix. Jordan nailed O'Hara with some clean shots, but Jerry took his punishment well and slugged back to have Jordan under pressure at the end.

Referees—Rudy Battle and Paul Venti.

Judges—Milo Savage and Bill Carrozza.

Promoters—Teddy Menas and Don Elbaum.

(06-29-82)

▲ **ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino—**Mario Maldonado tallied the biggest win of his hot-and-cold career, scoring a unanimous 10-round decision over Nino Gonzalez. Although the match was well-contested and fought at a brisk pace, it was unfortunately upstaged by the presence of Sylvester Stallone, on hand for his managerial debut. Although Stallone's fighter, Lee Analino, had already dispatched Curtis Whitner in a prelim, most of the star-gazing audience probably didn't even know Nino from Mario—or could have cared less.

Maldonado, heretofore known as a slugger, surprised by outboxing Gonzalez. True, Mario did land a number of hard shots, but it was his jab and movement that won the day.

Gonzalez, who seems to have hit the skids since he lost a close call to Roberto Duran last year, fought in spurts. He had the power to hurt Maldonado, but could never get untacked long enough to mount a consistent offense.

Maldonado, 153, Vineland, N.J., improved his record to 18-10-1 (10 kayoes), while Gonzalez slipped to 25-4 (14 kayoes). Nino fights out of Bayonne, N.J. Scores were 7-3 (twice) and 6-3-1, all for Mario.

In the semi-final, scheduled for eight, Cincinnati's Larry McCall, 156, was disqualified by referee Paul Venti for hitting with an open glvoe. The winner was Al (Steel) Mills, 153¼, Plainfield, N.J., who seemed to be on his way to victory anyway. The unusual ending came at 0:36 of the sixth.

Canalito, 250, Houston, Texas, was presented with a real loser in Whitner, 207, Lynn, Mass., who has a string of defeats longer than Canalito's entire 9-0 (eight kayoes) career. He ran the first two rounds and then swooned the first time "Big Lee" tagged him with a clean shot, right to the jaw dropping him for the full count at 2:48 of the third. Despite their love affair with Rocky, the overflow crowd was not fooled by Whitner's performance, and booed like hell when he keeled over.

In the "Prelim of the Night," Frank Crossan, 173¾, Atlantic City, rallied from a shakey opening round to pound washed-up Christy Elliott, 172¾, for a third round TKO. Referee Joe O'Neill stopped the fight with Christy pinned in a corner taking one shot after another.

Mike Staton, 177¾, Washington, D.C., creamed Jimmy DeGree, 183½, New York, with a right to the jaw in 2:42 of the first. No doubt about this one, DeGree was out cold, banging his head on the canvas as he fell.

Tim (TNT) Broady, 172¼, Jersey City, came from behind to stop Arthur Hall, 171, Newark, at 1:59 of the fourth and final round. Hall was out in front, scoring well, when a big left hook put him down. Although he bravely beat the count, Art was wisely led back to his corner.

An overflow crowd of 2,100 shoehorned into the ballroom at the Trop, setting an attendance record for this venue. Normally, the room holds about 1,300, but extra seats were installed and many fans stood. It is amazing, and a little bit sad, that a celluloid boxer can attract so much more attention than the real thing.

Judges—Tommy Kaczmarek and Jonn Stewart.

Promoters—Terry Menas and Don Elbaum.

(07-06-82)

NIGEL COLLINS

NEW YORK

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Localite Henry (Hot Pepper) Brent, 111½, won the vacant USBA flyweight title by stopping Mark Pacheco, 112, Reno, Nevada, at 2:48 of round nine in a scheduled 12.

Pacheco showed a lot of guts. Decked twice in the second, he managed to hang in until the ninth, when referee Harold Valan stepped in after Mark had taken a good right.

Brent, the proud pa of a son (Li'l Pepper), is now 7-1 with three kayoes. Pacheco is 11-10-1 with four knockouts.

Jose (The Threat) Baret, 148, New York, added another knockout to his record by stopping Gil Miranda, 147½, Jonesboro, Arkansas, at 0:49 of round two in a scheduled 10 refereed by Sid Rubenstein. Miranda was down twice in the first round and once in the second (from a hard right) before Rubenstein stepped in. Baret is now 11-0 with 10 kayoes. Miranda is supposedly 8-2.

Kenny Styles, 158, New York, won a unanimous decision over Russell Kain, 160½, Staten Island, eight. Scoring: referee Fred Ucci, 6-2; judge Bernie Friedkin, 4-4 (5-4 in points); judge Nick Gamboli, 5-2-1 (6-2). Kain was down in the fifth round from a tremendous right. He's now 6-2 with one kayo. Kenny is 6-1 with four knockouts.

Bryant (King) Ware, 139, New York, knocked out Greg Netter, 140, Columbus, Ohio, with a right to the body in 2:29 of the first round in a scheduled eight refereed by Rubenstein.

Eric Winbush, 176½, New York, won a majority decision over southpaw Bernard McLean, 178, Jersey City, eight. Scoring: referee Ucci, 6-2; judge Friedkin, 4-4; judge Gamboli, 6-1-1.

Mark McPherson, 155, New York, floored Leslie Ford, 153, New York, twice before referee Ucci stopped the bout at 2:41 of the first round.

Mike Martinez, 161, Brooklyn Heights, won a unanimous decision over Jose Serrano, 160, Brooklyn, four. Scoring: all three officials had it 4-0, with referee Valan and judge Gamboli giving Martinez 7-0 and 5-0 margins in the points score.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(06-18-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**Robert Mullins, 124, Spartanburg, South Carolina, whose career hit the skids after he was stopped in the first round by John Verderosa, made something of a comeback here with a disputed split decision over previously unbeaten Andres Tena, 121, Dominican Republic, 10.

Scoring: referee Arthur Mercante, 7-3 (8-4), Mullins; judge Carol Castellano, 6-3-1 (7-4), Mullins; judge Ray Kozak, 6-4 (7-4), Tena.

Mullins was decked in the ninth round, and Tena went down in the 10th. The latter was a disputed call, with the usually sure footed Mercante first waving his arms as if to say "no knockdown," but then acquiescing as the count continued. Despite that—and the fact that Mercante's scorecard favored Mullins—Robert's manager still claimed Arthur was a "house referee," and that Mullins had to "lick both him and Tena." T'wasn't so from where this scribbler sat.

Mullins is now 29-6-1 with 22 kayoes. Tena is 9-1 with five knockouts.

Julio (Perucho) DeJesus, 125, Springfield, Mass., TKO'd Puerto Rican featherweight champion Kenny Agosto, 125½, Puerto Rico, at 0:55 of the ninth round in their scheduled 10. Herbie Kronowitz, referee. DeJesus, a protege of former world light heavyweight king Jose Torres, is now 9-1-1. Agosto is 16-2 with six kayoes.

Angel Cruz, 136½, Bethlehem, Pa., won a unanimous decision over Junior Velez, 135, Jersey City, 10. Scoring: referee Vinnie Ferguson, 9-1; judge Carol Castellano, 7-3; judge Ray Kozak, 8-1-1 (9-1). Cruz is now 13-3-1 with five kayoes. Velez drops to 5-5 with two knockouts.

Southpaw Pedro Vilella, 145, New York, won a unanimous decision over Roberto Hernandez, also 145, Hartford, 10. Scoring: referee Ferguson, 9-1 (11-1); judge Castellano, 10-0 (11-0); judge Kozak, 8-1-1 (9-1). Vilella is now 9-0-1 with three kayoes. Hernandez is 7-5.

Mike Rosario, 115, East Harlem, won a unanimous duke over Alfredo Aliman, 117, New York, four. Scoring: referee Ferguson, 2-1-1; judge Castellano, 3-1; judge Kozak, 2-1-1 (3-1).

Jimmy Cruz, 134½, New York, won a unanimous verdict over southpaw Kenny Willis, 136, New York, four. Scoring: referee Kronowitz, 4-0; judge Castellano, 2-1-1; judge Kozak, 3-0.

Gus Matsagos, 139, Flatbush, Brooklyn, TKO'd Joseph (The African) Ali, 141½, New York, at 2:17 of round two in their scheduled four. Arthur Mercante, referee. (Ali should forget it; he's no fighter.)

Elvis Cuevas, 163½, Chelsea, Brooklyn, won a split decision over Lupe Agurto, 162, New York, in the four-round opener. Scoring: referee Kronowitz, 2-1-1, Cuevas; judge Castellano, 3-1 (3-2), Cuevas; judge Kozak, 3-1 (4-1), Agurto. Cuevas was down in the second.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(07-09-82)

▲ **NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum—**This Sunday card, which started at 2 p.m., was presented courtesy of CBS Sports, which aired the Hector Camacho-Louie (Golden) Loy scheduled 10-round main event live.

Hector, a showboat, didn't let the opportunity get by him. Loy, 133, from Portland, Oregon, was, like Hector, undefeated, but he'd never fought a southpaw with the speed and slickness of Camacho. Hector's lefty style seemed to puzzle him from the word go, and Louie found himself being beaten to the punch, and counterpunch, from the first round to the time referee Tony Perez stopped the bout at 1:24 of round seven.

Loy was dropped at the beginning of the second with a left as he came in, but it wasn't until the fifth round that Camacho really started to lay it on. Sharp one-twos and counters in that frame and in the next set the man from the Pacific Northwest up for the kill. The seventh round saw Hector open up and cream Louis with everything but the Garden's ancient statue of Diana before Perez stepped in.

Camacho, who came in at 132, is now 16-0 with nine kayoes. Loy is 15-1 with 11 knockouts.

Jose (The Threat) Baret, 147, New York, knocked out another meaningless opponent in Basile Buchanan, 144½, Memphis, Tenn., who went out in 0:56 of round two in their scheduled 10. Baret is now 12-0 with 11 kayoes. Buchanan is 10-6-1 with four knockouts. Jose Santarpia, referee

Euclides Valdez, 175½, Brooklyn, won a unanimous decision over Eric Winbush, also 175½, New York, eight. Scoring: referee Johnny Colan, 5-3; judges Al Reid and Ted Wint, both 6-2.

Juan Ramon Cruz, 131½, Santurce, P.R., TKO'd Tirso Marte, 130½, Dominican Republic, at 1:21 of the eighth and final round. Marte was down near the end of the fourth round as the result of a right hand. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Dave Starkey, 225, Troy, Illinois, whose motto, emblazoned on his robe, is "Have Faith In God and Country," had enough faith to survive severe poundings from a much more skilled fighter named Charles Wooten, 210, Detroit. Starkey's courage and strength eventually wore Wooten down, and Charles hit the deck twice in the fifth round, went down twice more in round six, and was unable to answer the bell for round seven. Tony Perez, referee. (Starkey also wears a cross and American flag on his trunks. Praise the Lord and pass the water bucket.)

Troy Darrell, 154, White Plains, set a new Garden record by stopping Don Miller, 153, Hartford, Conn., in 14 seconds of the first round in a scheduled four. Darrell simply jumped on Miller and overwhelmed him in a corner until referee Johnny Colan called a halt.

Greg Reid, 130, New York, knocked Hector Melendez, 130½, Puerto Rico, down in the first round and TKO'd him at 0:55 of the fourth and final session. Joe Santarpia, referee.

Tony Watkins, 162, Harlem, won a split decision over Robert Rivers, 158, Huntington, New York, in the four-round opener. Scoring: referee Colan, 4-0, Rivers; judges Reid and Wint, both 3-1, Watkins.

Timekeeper—Fred Abbatiello.

(07-11-82)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

▲ **SYRACUSE—War Memorial Auditorium—**Tony (TNT) Tucker, 213, Detroit, Michigan, knocked out Lupe Guerra, 191, North Platte, Nebraska, with a left hook in 2:23 of round two in the scheduled 10-frame main event. Tucker, who is now being guided by Cedric Kushner and trained, in New Jersey, under the eyes of Carmen Graziano, thus upped his record to 15-0. He may be a force to be reckoned with in the heavyweight division.

Pablo DeJesus, 161, Rochester, won a unanimous decision over tough Tony Suero, 160, Vineland, N.J., eight. Scoring: referee Frank Adams, 4-3-1; judges Jack Milicich and Al Parry, both 5-3. Suero floored DeJesus midway in the second with a left hook. Pablo is now 5-0. He's managed by Tony Graziano and Ralph Fratto and trained by Frankie Verna.

Jody Nabinger, 135, Endicott, New York, won a unanimous decision over Bob Johnson, 131½, Vineland, eight. Jody is now 7-2-1 and handled by Jim Gallagher.

Bernard Peterson, 153¾, Philadelphia, TKO'd Preston Jones, 151, Buffalo, at 2:22 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Referee Tommy Holmes stopped it after Jones was knocked down with a left hook to the body.

Lou Vallar, 196½, Syracuse, kayoed Charles Johnston, 237¾, Buffalo, in 0:59 of round one in a scheduled four. Vallar, managed by Johnny DeJohn, is now 4-1.

Tom (Rope-a-Dope) Elston, 118¾, Buffalo, scored his first pro win after three losses by stopping Clarence Hudson, 121, Syracuse, at 2:53 of round two in their scheduled four. Tommy Holmes, referee. This was Hudson's first loss after three wins. He's handled by Billy Harris. Elston is managed by John Sudac.

Kip Kane, 211, Columbus, Ohio, knocked out Ralph Kelly, 222½, Syracuse, in 0:40 of the second. Frank Adams, referee.

Dome International Club.

Matchmaker—Ray Rinaldi.

Timekeeper—Bob Olsen.

Announcer—Dick Tobin.

(06-30-82)

JIM LEO

NEVADA

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Aladdin Hotel—**Edwin Rosario, 134, Puerto Rico, displayed his incredible ring talents once again, stopping Edwin Viruet, 133½, at 1:37 of round three.

The 19-year-old Rosario dropped the 31-year-old Viruet with a devastating right hook midway through the fatal session. Viruet got to his feet at nine, but was obviously unfit to continue, and referee Harry Krause stopped the fight.

Rosario, now 25-0 with 24 kayoes, had won the first two rounds, knocking Viruet down late in the second with a deadly right.

Tony (The Tiger) Baltazar, 137¼, halted Ricky Samudio, 140½, at 2:54 of the second in their scheduled 10. David Pearl, referee. Baltazar is now 22-0 with 18 kayoes at the age of 21.

Patrick Ford, 134½, Guyana, refused to put his mouthpiece in for the third round, and referee Pearl counted him out on his stool. The winner was Gino Perez, 132½.

It was later discovered that Ford had injured his left hand and was in too much pain to continue fighting. Ford was taken to a local hospital, where x-rays revealed that the injury was considerably worse than just a fracture, as believed. The bout was scheduled for 10.

Alberto Mercado, 125, a Rosario stablemate, won a unanimous decision over Juan Veloz, 124, Las Vegas, 10. Veloz was down in round seven. Scoring: Dave Moretti, 99-89; Paul Smith and Hal Miller, both 100-88. Ferd Hernandez, referee.

Wilfredo Vasquez, 117¾, another Rosario stablemate, knocked out Ion Traian, 116½, Roumania, in 0:48 of the sixth and final round. Ferd Hernandez, referee. Vasquez is now 15-0—all knockouts.

Don Chargin Productions.

The card, featuring a multitude of fine young talent, unfortunately drew less than 300, as the Aladdin Hotel had made it publicly known that this would be its final fight card.
(05-30-82)

▲ **LAS VEGAS—Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion—**Tim Witherspoon, 215½, rand is unbeaten record to 17-0 with a majority decision over Renaldo Snipes, also 215½, 10. Scoring: Chuck Minker, 95-95; Hal Miller, 96-95; Duane Ford, 96-94. The Philadelphia-based Witherspoon pulled out the win in the last round with a left-right combo and a straight right that hurt Snipes early in the session.

Dale Grant, 175½, stopped Polo Ramirez, 178, at 1:46 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Harry Krause, referee.

Jeff Sims, 213, kayoed Henry Porter, 199½, in 1:53 of the second in another scheduled 10. David Pearl, referee.

Paul DeVorce, 122¾, TKO'd Alvin Fowler, 125¾, who was retired by his corner after nine. Ferd Hernandez, referee.

Art McCloud, 162¼, TKO'd Jose Ornelles, 161¼, at 2:42 of the first round in a scheduled six. Carlos Padilla, referee.

Andree Cooper, 160, won a split decision over Dale Jackson, 159½, eight. Scoring: Dalby Shirley, and Lou Tabat, both 77-75, Cooper; Jerry Roth, 79-74, Jackson. This decision was loudly booed by the fans, and Herbert Muhammad, who handles Jackson, stated he would protest it to all authorities.

Frank Roberson, 132¾, kayoed Jesus Huerta, 134, in 0:24 of the first round in the scheduled four-round opener. Harry Krause, referee.

Don King Productions.

Attendance—425. Gross—$7,090.
(06-05-82)

SHIRLEY NORMAN

OREGON

▲ **PORTLAND—Marriott Hotel—**Southpaw Mike Anderson, 131, Los Angeles, knocked down Roland Harmon, 130, Sacramento, with a big left hook and stopped him at 2:50 of round six. Anderson was filling in for Louie Loy, who was rushed to a Portland hospital and diagnosed with painfully infected kidneys at 2 a.m. on the day of the fight.

Former Pacific Northwest lightweight champion Frankie (Preacherman) Moultrie, 140, Portland, jumped back into the win column with a hell-for-leather win over smart, gutsy Nacho Jiminez, 138, Stockton. The veterans traded control in a tense struggle that had the crowd roaring until Jiminez was stopped by a cut over the left eye at 2:00 of the seventh.

Charles (Machine Gun) Carter, 160, Portland, won a shutout unanimous verdict over Scott Ochoa, 158, Salt Lake City, six.

Jihad Karriem, 155, Portland, won a unanimous decision over Sam Wilson, 152, Albany, Oregon.

Delbert (Mean) Williams, 162, Portland, TKO'd elderly Rodney George, 163, Lovelock, Nevada, at 2:20 of the first.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.

Promoter—Dolores McNally (Sports Atrractions).

Attendance—1,000.
(06-24-82)

▲ **EUGENE—Fairgrounds—**Northwest bantamweight champion James (Sweet Baby) Manning, 120, fought in his hometown for the first time as a pro and scored his third straight first round knockout. The victim was lanky Hap Lyday, a three-time state Golden Gloves champ, and the weapon this time was a straight right hand to the bread basket that put Lydays down and wishing he was out in 1:16 of the first.

Guy Villegas, 136, Eugene, knocked out Jack Leiffer, also 136, Portland, in 0:33 of the first round.

Mark Williams, 152, Portland, put away Kid Henistroza, 150, at 2:48 of round three.

Ex-college wrestler Greg Gowens, 165, Bellingham, used one too many grappling holds to deck Bible College student Tim Cude, 175, and referee Phil Moyer disqualified Greg at 0:20 of round five.

This was the second card for Feature Evens promoters Rich Danner and Dennis Harrington in Eugene. They plan to run monthly shows and build up their class as they go.

Referee—Phil Moyer.

Judges—Lloyd Davis, Don Thompson, Jack Batchelor.
(06-28-82)

▲ **MOLLALLA—Rodeo Arena—**The fights were fine and the weather was great for this outdoor card, wtih the ferris wheel and the carnival lights in the background.

The main event was a bizarre mismatch, with Portland's Steve Moyer, 161, outweighing and outreaching fiery Francisco Roche, 154, Cuba (now fighting out of Seattle). Moyer, the son of former middleweight contender Phil and the nephew of ex-world junior middleweight champ Denny, was outclassed by the swarming southpaw and stopped on eyebrow cuts at 2:10 of the fourth.

Charles (Machine Gunh) Carter, 165, Portland, TKO'd Sam Turner, also 165, San Francisco, at 2:50 of the fifth round in a scheduled six. Jim Cassidy, referee.

The three Garcia brothers of Caldwell, Idaho, lined up to fill out the remainder of the program. Lorenzo Garcia, 127, won a unanimous decision over Juan Rodriguez, 131, San Jose. Ray Garcia, 135, dropped a decision to Jerry Lewis, 136, San Jose. Rene Garcia, 142, won a unanimous decision over Sam (Too Sweet) Wilson, 151, Albany, Oregon.

The card led off with a sparring exhibition by northwest junior lightweight champ Louie Loy and his brother, Larry.

The crowd was a small but happy 200.

Referees—Jim Cassidy, Bill Thornberg.

Judges—Ben Laford, George Robinson, Paul Weitzel.

Promoter—Dolores McNally (Sports Attractions).
(07-01-82)

KATHERINE DUNN

PENNSYLVANIA

▲ **CONSHOHOCKEN—McDonald Labor Lyceum—**Promoter Bob Connelly and matchmaker Ted Larve returned here with a "no name" show featuring young hopefuls, most of them with only a bout or two of professional experience. The small house of about 250 ($2,500) wasn't bad, considering that this low budget show was running opposite the '76ers play-off.

The All-Philadelphia main event saw the return of exciting Michael Ross, 143, who still hasn't learned any defense. He literally overwhelmed counterpuncher Billy Jones, 141, in a thriller and won via unanimous decision, six.

Marvin Mack, 171¼, Philadelphia, had a good last round to win a unanimous decision over Mike Lee, 171, Baltimore, four.

Mike Golden, 132, Philadelphia, won a majority decision over journeyman Kato Ali, 136½, Philadelphia, four.

Veteran amateur Calvin Grove, 128, Pottstown, Pa., turned pro with a spectacular left hook kayo over Mike Davis, 128½, Philadelphia, in 2:50 of the second.

"Geronimo" Mobley, 146, Pottstown, made his pro debut by stopping Lawrence (Homicide) Jones, 142, Philly, at 1:10 of the first session.

Troy Fletcher, 115¼, Philadelphia, stopped outclassed Edward Whitley, 117, Philly, on his feet at 2:25 of the first. Troy, the newest member of the fearsome Fletcher family, was also making his pro debut.

Jerry Williams, 160, Philly, dropped Leon Fulton, 159½, Philadelphia, in the first round and won via unanimous decision, four.

Johnny Ray Wilson, 145½, Philadelphia, won a unanimous duke over Jerome Johnson, 149, Jackson, N.J. four.

Referees—Hank Cisco, Charles Sgrillo.

Judges—Carol Polis, Joe Henry.
(06-03-82)

▲ **CHADDS FORD—Brandywine Club—**Promoter J. Russell Peltz continued with another lively show at this excellent small club, but needed an assist from the officials in his effort to establish southwest Philadelphia's Mike Sheeran as a headliner. The flat-footed slugger, 160½, was befuddled and outboxed by slippery Robert Thomas, 160, Philly, only to be awarded a split decision after eight. Judge Bob LaGuardia saw it right at 38-37, Thomas, but shame on referee Rudy Battle (37-35) and judge Bob Polis (37-36), who gave the homer to Sheeran. Thomas might as well have saved himself the bother and taken a dive.

An all-action shootout saw Upper Darby's Al Ferro, 150, floor courageous Darnell Smith, 149½, Philadelphia, in the first round and kayo him with a crunching left hook to the ribs in 2:50 of the third.

In another rousing battle, Upper Darby's Ken Carpenter, 133½, used the same punch, a left hook, to knock out Stanley McDougall, 139¼, Philly, in 2:55 of the second.

Lionel Byarm, 180, Philadelphia, knocked out Sam Evans, 181, Philly, with a vicious shot to the midsection in 2:25 of the first. Doug Pettiford, 124, Wilmington, Delaware, came from behind to earn a deserved draw with James Woodhouse, 128½, Philly, in an exciting four. Andre Boyer, 142, Cherry Hill, N.J., scored three knockdowns in a spectacular TKO win over hapless Lloyd Jones, 143¼, Philly, at 2:25 of the second. (Jones was leading until he walked straight into a right hand counter.) Tom McGuire, 188½, Philadelphia, stopped an exhausted Anthony Adams, 185, Philly, on his feet at 0:30 of round three in an unpolished but spirited battle.

Referees—Bob Polis, Rudy Battle.

Judges—Polis, Battle, and Bob LaGuardia.

Timekeeper—Tommy Malandro.

Announcer—Hank Kozlowski.

Attendnace—600 (est.). Gross—$6,000 (est.)
(06-08-82)

▲ **VILLANOVA—Univedrsity Field House—**The Bob Connelly/Ted Larve team put on their second card here, with torrential rains and outrageous ticket prices (justified on the grounds that "This is a class neighborthood") keeping the crowd well below that of the first show.

Two 10-rounders headlined. Earl Hargrove, 158, Edgewater Park, N.J., TKO'd Mike Hyman, 163½, Florence, S.C., at 1:50 of the 10th round. Jimmy Connelly, 148½, Chester Springs, Pa., TKO'd Paul Gentry, 150, Spartanburg, S.C., at 2:10 of the second.

Jerry Williams, 160, West Philly, eked out a split verdict over Stacey McSwain, 159, Forest City, North Carolina, six.

"Geronimo" Mobley, 147, Pottstown, Pa., struggled to win a unanimous decision over Jerome Johnson, 147½, Jackson, N.J., four. Marvin Mack, 170, South Philly, stopped exhausted Ben Prince, also 170, Freehold, N.J., on his feet at 1:50 of the second. Troy Fletcher, 118, southwest Philly, easily belted out stiff Ron Newby, 120, North Philadelphia, who was down once and TKO'd at 1:33 of the first.

Referees—Frank Cappuccino, Rudy Battle.

Judges—Al Morris, John Stewart.

Timekeeper—Tommy Malandro.

Attendance—550 (est). Gross—$8,500 (est.).
(06-16-82)

J.R. JOWETT

▲ **JOHNSTOWN—**Southpaw Felton Woods, Bay City, Michigan, kayoed Robert White, Braddock, Pa., in 1:44 of the fifth, light heavies. Paddy Grimes, referee. White had won the first three sessions.

Al (Sugar) Bolden celebrated his 36th birthday with a unanimous decision over veteran Freddie Brown, Norfolk, Va., eight. Scoring: referee Biff Baer, 39-30; judge Bob Brown, 40-32; judge Harold Segal, 39-34. Bolden is now 26-13. Brown is 20-10.

Clarence Hill, Nassau, Bahamas, trained by former world champion Emile Griffith, TKO'd Tim Johnson, 202, Columbus, Ohio, at 2:29 of round two. Paddy Grimes, referee. Johnson was down twice in the fatal session.

Bo Bo Haywood, 147, won a wild swinging six-round unanimous duke over southpaw Ricky Davis, 152, Alliance, Ohio. Scoring: referee Baer, 30-22; judge Brown, 30-26; judge Segal, 28-27.

Tony (Silky) Nelson boxed a four-round exhibition with Alan Blanchard.

Promoter—Scott Cutler/Champion Promotions.

Matchmaker—Chuck Runzo.

Attendance—1,200.
(06-26-82)

WARREN WITTMER

TENNESSEE

▲ **NASHVILLE—Hyatt Regency Hotel—**NABF welterweight champion Don Curry, 150, Fort Worth, Texas, won by a disqualification over Jake Torrence, also 150, Chicago. Jake was ruled out in the fourth round for continued clinching. He was never in the fight.

Anthony Bryant, 139½, won the Southern Boxing Council's junior welter tourney with a seventh round TKO over Carlos Santana, 140. The ref stepped in at 2:35 of the session. Bryant, 18, is now 5-2. Santana, also 18, is 18-6.

Mike Hutchinson, 153, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, knocked out late sub Robert Hambler, 156, North Carolina, in 2:30 of the first round in a scheduled eight. Hutchinson, 23, is now 9-0. Hambler is 4-6.

The rest of the card consisted of eight-round semi-finals in the SBC tournaments. Jerome (Kid) Coffee, 117½, Nashville, stretched his record to 11-0 with a narrow points win over Kelvin Seabrooks, 116, North Carolina. Ted (Hooking) Hatfield, 130½, Tennessee, halted Terry Horn, also 130½, Loluisiana, with three knockdowns in 2:14 of the first round. Gary Clark, knocked out southpaw Willie Johnson, 158½, Tennessee, in 2:44. Southpaw Danny Sutton, 197, North Carolina, kayoed Al Collins, 215, N.C., in 1:18 of the second.

Referees—Deacon Bowers, Tommy Brooks, Steve Murff.

Promoters—Stan Allen, Joe Sorrels.

Attendance—1,000.

ESPN. Commentary by Sal Marchiano and Al Bernstein.
(06-15-82)

THOMAS DEAS, JR.

TEXAS

▲ **HOUSTON—Sam Houston Coliseum,—**Javier dela Cerda, 112½, TKO'd Mario "Polvorito" Gonzalez, 113, Reynosa, at 2:44 of the fifth round.

Cenobia Sauceda, 115, Houston, decisioned Genaro Coronado, 114, Reynosa, six.

George Zuniga, 133, Houston, kayoed Chico Barrientes, 131, Reynosa, in 2:58 of the fifth round.

Arturo Munoz, 133½, Houston, kayoed Juan Mendoza, 135, Reynosa, in 2:14 of the first round.

Gary Simons, 132, Houston, kayoed Augie Torres, 131¼, Houston, in 0:17 of the first round.

Attendance—306.
(06-01-82)

▲ **HOUSTON—Arena Theatre—**Tom Trim, Galena Park, stopped Charles Wade, San Antonio, in the ninth round of the heavyweight contest. Trim raised his record to 15-3.

Eddie Gonzalez, Houston, stopped Tony Orville, Port Arthur, in the fourth round of the cruiserweight semi-final.

Jerry Stoner, Houston, decisioned Homero Manasco, San Antonio, six, middles.

Johnny Senegal, Port Arthur, decisioned Reginald Dixon, six, junior welterweights.

Sammie Fuentes, Houston, stopped "Mando Lopes," San Antonio, in 1:59 of the third round, bantams.

Fred Rivera, Houston, stopped the pitiful Manny Quiroz, Sante Fe, New Mexico, in 1:02 of the second, bantams.

Anthony "Wildcat" Wiley and Joe Humphrey, San Antonio, fought to a six round draw.

Attendance—197.
(06-08-82)

▲ **HOUSTON—Astro Arena—**In perhaps his most impressive outing to date, Steve Hearon, Houston, ranked number seven by *The Ring*, utilized a strong rally at the end of the bout to win a 10-round split decision over veteran Lennox Blackmore, Guyana. Scoring: 97-94 and 100-95, Hearon; 97-95, Blackmoore.

Willie "Birdlegs" Jensen, 114½, Las Vegas, won a unanimous decision over Humberto Rodriguez, 118, Houston, 10.

Earnie Shavers, 211, Warren, Ohio, stopped veteran Billie Joe Thomas, 210, Lexa, Ark., at 2:59 of the fifth. This was Shavers' second bout in 11 days; he lost a unanimous decision to James "Quick" Tillis in Las Vegas on June 11.

Ed Green, 151, Houston, stopped Felix Favella, 150, San Antonio, at 1:44 of the third round of a scheduled eight.

Don Lee, 162, Milwaukee, stopped Johnny Gonzalez, Mexico, in 2:53 of the opening round.

Roosevelt Rico, 131¾, Houston, kayoed Theodore Rodriguez, Mexico, at 2:48 of the first round.

Anthony "Wildcat" Wiley, 162, Houston, stopped Mike Garcia, 161, Houston, at 1:49 of the third round.

Richard Savage, 127½, Monroe, La., TKO'd Ricky Ramos, 128, Houston, at 2:25 of the first round.

Richard Ishamael, 125½, Houston, won a unanimous decision over Miguel Flores, 126, San Antonio, four.

Fred Rivera, 113, Houston, decisioned Carlos Sandoval, 113, Mexico, four.

Attendance—1,200.

(06-22-82)

▲ **FORT WORTH—Will Rogers Coliseum—**Tony Ayala, the high flying junior middleweight from San Antonio, was forced to reach down and stage a furious comeback to decision Curtis Ramsey, Portland, Oregon, 10.

Ramsey, who used a hit-and-run offense, had come to town with the reputation of being a hot-and-cold fighter. Tonight he had his game on the mark and gave Ayala a tough fight. Ayala later said this fight had been his toughest as a pro.

Sammy Ayala, San Antonio, stopped Roberto Madrid, Houston, at 1:26 of the sixth round, lightweights.

Steve Cruz, Fort Worth, TKO'd Andy Rodriguez, Fort Worth, in 1:00 of the second, feathers.

Robin Blake, Levelland, won a unanimous decision over Humberto Lucero, Albuquerque, six, lights.

Ken Releford, Fort Worth, TKO'd Carmen Garcia, San Antonio, at 1:17 of the seventh round.

Jaz Strickland, Fort Worth, kayoed Manny Garcia, San Antonio, in the first round, light heavies.

Greg Adams, Fort Worth, won a majority decision over Carlton Maes, Albuquerque, four, junior welters.

Attendance—4,000.

(06-26-82)

C.A. JACKSON

CANADA

ONTARIO

▲ **TORONTO—Columbus Hall—**This was the fourth and final card promoted by Main Event Promotions and sponsored by Carling O'Keefe Breweries. The four shows were promoted as a "Search For A Champion," with the winner receiving a cash prize of $2,500 and the Carling O'Keefe Cup.

The eventful winner was an 18-year-old Toronto boxer named Leroy Pink, who, unfortunately, had no opposition in his bout when he was matched with one Dwight Johnson, billed out of Indiana. Pink, 143, kayoed Johnson, 144, with one punch in 0:27 of the first.

Six-rounders: Terry Albert, 139, Windsor, halted Averill Brady, 138, Toronto, in four. Jimmy Heickert, 138, Oshawa, made his pro debut by knocking out Gary Myers, also 138, in 2:24 of the second. Bill Brady, 149, Indiana, stopped Robbie Roe, 147, Toronto, at 2:45 of round five. Dave Martin, 152, London, Ontario, kayoed Alex McNeil, Toronto, at 2:30 of the second. Razor Reddick, 183, Toronto, knocked out Garland Tipton, Kentucky, with the first clean right hand punch he landed in round two.

Referees—Harry Davis, Fern Chretien, Sammy Luftspring.

Judges—Jackie Silvers, John Lapadula, Ray Hipolito.

Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.

Ringside Physician—Dr. Al Hacker.

Attendance—300.

(04-24-82)

▲ **TORONTO—C.N.E. Coliseum—**Jimmy Gradson, 170, Toronto, knocked out Eddie Melo, 169, Toronto, in 1:03 of the 10th and final round in a sensational grudge fight. Head shots spilled Melo out of the ring onto the apron, where he was counted out after having been ahead on points at the end of nine.

Mio Perunovic, 160, Yugoslavia, won a split decision over the more experienced Lancelot Innes, 161, Montreal, eight.

Donnie Poole, 146½, Toronto, stopped Frank Minigan, 145, Rochester, at 0:56 of the seventh round in their scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Dave O'Callaghan, 151½, Toronto, stopped late sub Larry Marks, 146, Bufffalo, at 1:07 of the second. Rick Atkinson, 199½, Toronto, halted Gary Barnett, 21, Michigan, at 2:00 of the fourth. Barry Emo, 248, Toronto, kayoed fat and flabby Chuck Johnston, 246, Buffalo, in 1:03 of the second.

Referees—Harry Davis, Ed Gaudet, Lionel Sullivan, Fern Chretien.

Judges—Jackie Silvers, Chuck Williams, Sammy Luftspring.

Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.

Ringside Physicians—B. Stewart, A. Hacker.

Announcer—George Marshall.

Micron Promotions.

Attendance—3,500.

(05-04-82)

▲ **OTTAWA—Civic Centre—**Canadian lightweight champion Gaetan Hart, 135, Hull, won a unanimous decision over Louis Hubela, 134, Brooklyn, in a 10-round rematch that failed to capture the action and excitement of their first meeting. Scoring: judge Chuck Williams, 48-44; judge Frank Allnutt, 50-44; judge Bernie Cormire, 49-43. Hubela was just about ready to go in the last session.

Eight-rounders: Ian Clyde, 115, Ottawa, halted Leonard Pinnock, also 115, Montreal, at 2:47 of the fifth round. Jean Paul Petrin, 147, Hull, stopped Robbie Roe, 145, Toronto, who was unable to answer the bell for round five.

Pierre Huneault, 135, Hull, halted Rocky Zoinierczyk, also 135, St. Catharines, at 1:38 of round five in a scheduled six.

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Judges—Frank Allnutt, Chuck Williams, Bernie Cormier, Sammy Luftspring.

Timekeepers—Arnold Paris, Frank Shillolo.

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Announcer—Bob LaBelle.

Promoter—Henri Spitzer.

Attendance—3,000.

(05-26-82)

QUEBEC

▲ **HULL—**Jean Paul Petrin, 147, Hull, kayoed Mick Staby in the second round of a scheduled eight.

Six-rounders: Pierre Huneault, 135, Hull, knocked out Kenny Smith, Windsor, in the second. Francis Leonard, Hull, outscored Vic Brown, Buffalo, heavyweights.

Fours: Alan Girard, 140, outscored Levant Williams, Windsor. Andre Avon, 125, Hull, kayoed Donald Graham, Buffalo, in the fourth round. Gaeton Paquette, 119, Hull, outpointed Mick Robinson, Buffalo.

(05-27-82)

▲ **MONTREAL—Paul Sauve Arena—**Lancelot Innis, 158, Montreal, won the vacant Canadian middleweight title with a unanimous decision over southpaw Jerry Reddick, 159¼, Vancouver, 12. Scoring: judge Antonio Bergeron, 118-111; judge Jacques Mailhot, 116-115; judge Emilien Nadeau, 117-112. Freddie Deegan, referee.

Innis is now 17-5-4. Reddick is 14-3. Jerry fights under the sobriquet "Mack Truck."

Gaetan Hart, 134½, Hull, halted Jean LaPointe, also 134½, Montreal, at 2:23 of the third round to retain his Canadian lightweight title. Guy Jutras, referee. A "voluntary" defense by Hart, and a mismatch.

Six-rounders: Alex Hilton, 156, Montreal, blasted out debuting Alain Gagne, 155½, Sept-Iles, at 0:49 of the initial round. Richard Herbert, 147, Montreal, turned in a fine performance in outboxing Denis Segouin, 147¼, Hull.

Fours: Pierre Huneault, 137¼, Hull, won a split decision over debuting Claude Soucy, 136, Sept-Iles. Dave Hilton, 145½, Montreal, won a unanimous decision over Daniel Gagnon, 143¼, Hull. Hilton is now 10-0. Gagnon is 0-4.

Timekeepers—M. Vermette, M. Aubert.

Ringside Physicians—Dr. Pierre Meunier, Dr. Louis LeClerc.

Promoter—Henri Spitzer.

Attendance—4,713.

(06-22-82)

FRANK ALLNUTT

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

▲ **PORT OF SPAIN—Jean Pierre Sports Complex—**Trinidad and Tobago junior middle champion David Noel, 156, won a unanimous decision over Miguel (El Indio) Sepulveda, 152, Puerto Rico, 10. Scoring: referee Lawrence Assam, 48-45, judge George Cumberbatch, 46-44; judge Juan Reece, 45-44. Many disagreed with the decision.

Tyronne Downes, 127½, Trinidad and Tobago, TKO'd Ismael Santana, 125, Puerto Rico, in the 10th and final round. Hollils Wilson, referee. Santana was down once in the ninth round and again in the 10th.

Cleophus James, 145, outpointed Nkululekho Nhlangano, 146¾, eight.

Walt Bishop, 134, outscored Waldron Brokks, 136½, eight.

(06-04-82)

GEORGE C. BECKLES

EUROPE

FRANCE

▲ **NICE—**French welterweight champion Claude Lancastre outpointed former European champion Jo Kimpuani. This was Kimpuani's first loss to a European. Lancastre has now won 15 of his 20 starts, with one draw.

▲ **PAU—**Stephane Ferra halted Christian D'Helft in round five, middles. Ferra has lost only one of his 15 bouts.

▲ **MARSEILLES—**Richard Caramanolis halted Eric Kopec in the fifth round via cuts to bring his log to 17-0.

Louis Acaries, the ex-European junior middle champion, won his 33rd bout in 37 starts by stopping Max Hord, U.S.A., in the second.

Paul Tchoue halted Jean Louis Prunier-Flot in round three, middleweights.

GERMANY

▲ **MANNHEIM—**A crowd of nearly 2,000 saw Geramn middleweight champion Frank Wissenbach retain his title by outscoring Rudiger Bitterling, 10. The champion has only lost three times in 44 pro starts. Bitterling has won 17 of his 21 bouts.

German lightweight champion Rene Weller reamined undefeated in 11 bouts by stopping Floyd Pearson, U.S.A., in the second.

German light heavyweight champion Manfred Jassmann brought his record to 11-0 by outpointing Henry Sims, U.S.A., eight.

Thirty-year-old German heavyweight Charley Graf, whose career started in 1973, made a comeback, drawing with Claus Parge, four rounds. Parge was making his professional debut.

Promoter—Rene Weller, assisted by Helmut Bruder.

(06-12-82)

▲ **NOTES—**With Wilfried Sauerland's dozen promotions in Germany over the past two years, and with most of the "stars" under contract, one is inclined to forget the "bread and butter" men like Beyer, Brandestein, Loh, and Slomke, whose shows have given work to many local fighters at a time when boxing in Germany is at rock bottom. None of these promoters were seen laughing all the way to the bank, but were seen coming from it, having collected to meet the deficit. None cried "enough" and all soon announced their next program. Credit must go to such men in a sport that has so many cynics who cannot be expected to digest that some guys do, in fact, promote for the love of the game. To even break even is a victory for these promoters.

One of them is Helmut Slomke, who makes it a family affair, with wife, Helma as cashier, daughter Vera, who helps with the organization, and daughter Andrea, who is the attractive round girl. Slomke has some 20 boxers in his stable, and could come up with a European champ in the near future. Slomke will be visiting the U.S.A., again this year in October, hoping to promote in San Diego and Los Angeles. Any promoter or boxer wanting to get in touch with Slomke should write to: Postfach 1244, 5466 Neustadt/Weid, West Germany or call him at 02683/32111.

ITALY

▲ **MILAN—**Franco Cherchi outscored Eymono Bufunga, eight, bantams. Angelo Mattina TKO'd Paul Muyodi in two, middles. Sumbu Kalhambay TKO'd Costello King in two, middles. Guiseppe La Vite outscored Joseph Sekisambu, eight, feathers. Nino La Rocco TKO'd Manuel de la Rosa in six, welterweights. Nicola Cirelli TKO'd Leon McDonald, light heavies.

(04-02-82)

▲ **SAN DONA DI PIAVE—**Luciano Sorgon TKO'd Piero Spadaccini in six, welters. Mario Baseotto outpointed Jose Luis Ribeiro, eight, welters. Sebastiano Sotgia outscored Eloi De Souza, eight, lights.

(04-02-82)

▲ **FAENZA—**Christiano Cavina outscored Gabbriele Lazzari, eight, light heavies. Angelo Bizzarro outscored Bou Ale Kamel, six, junior lights. Patrizio Burini outpointed Giuseppe Agate, eight, light welters. Pierangelo Pira outscored Francesco Gallo, eight, welters.

(04-08-82)

▲ **FORIO D'ISCHIA—**Patrizio Oliva retained his Italian light welter title by outpointing Giuseppe Martinese, 12. Salvatore Bottiglieri kayoed David Mahmutovic in the first round, feathers. Bruno Simili and Samuel Serunjogi drew, six, light welters. Alfredo Raininger outscored Kianda Malanda, eight rounds, ligthweights. Ciro De Leva TKO'd Mario Bitetto in four, flies.

(04-11-82)

▲ **PERUNGIA—**Gianfranco Rosi TKO'd Giuseppe Di Padova in seven in a bout for the Italian welter title. Mario Pelle-

EUROPEAN RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Lucien Rodriguez (France)
1. Domenico Adinolfi (Italy)
2. Sylvain Watbled (France)
3. Felipe Rodriguez (Spain)
4. Alfredo Evangelista (Spain)
5. Neville Meade (Great Britain)
6. David Pearce (Great Britain)
7. Gordon Ferris (Great Britain)
8. Billy Aird (Great Britain)
9. Al Syben (Belgium)
10. Giudo Trane (Italy)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rudi Koopmans (Netherlands)
1. Hocine Tafer (France)
2. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
3. Richard Caramanolis (France)
4. Fred Serres (Belgium)
5. Bunny Johnson (Great Britain)
6. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
7. Christiano Cavina (Italy)
8. Walter Cevoli (Italy)
9. Ennio Cometti (Italy)
10. Manfred Jassmann (Germany)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. Roy Gumbs (Great Britain)
2. Gaetano Ardito (Italy)
3. Nicola Cirelli (Italy)
4. Matteo Salvemini (Italy)
5. Jacques Chinon (France)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Pierre Joly (France)
8. Rufino Angulo (France)
9. Frank Wissenbach (Germany)
10. Glen McEwen (Great Britain)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
1. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
2. Louis Acaries (France)
3. Marijan Benes (Yugoslavia)
4. Jose Hernandez (Spain)
5. Chris Christian (Great Britain)
6. Richard Rodriguez (France)
7. Jimmy Batten (Great Britain)
8. Peter Thomas (Great Britain)
9. Torben Anderson (Denmark)
10. Jean Andre Emmerich (Germany)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Hans Henrik Palm
1. Jorgen Hansen (Denmark)
2. Colin Powers (Great Britain)
3. Giuseppe Di Padova (Italy)
4. Claude Lancastre (France)
5. Jo Kimpuani (France)
6. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
7. Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz (Spain)
8. Franco Aresti (Italy)
9. Piero Angelo Pira (Italy)
10. Jose Luis Pacheco (Spain)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clinton McKenzie (Great Britain)
1. Patrizio Oliva (Italy)
2. Antonio Guinaldo (Spain)
3. Francesco Leon (Spain)
4. Giuseppe Russi (Italy)
5. Chris Sanigar (Great Britain)
6. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
7. Des Morrison (Great Britain)
8. Steve Early (Great Britain)
9. Roberto Gambini (France)
10. Antonio Antino (Italy)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Gibilisco (Italy)
1. Ray Cattouse (Great Britain)
2. Charlie Nash (Great Britain)
3. Lucio Cusma (Spain)
4. Jose Luis Heredia (Spain)
5. George Feeney (Great Britain)
6. Ricky Beaumont (Great Britain)
7. Rene Weller (Germany)
8. Lance Williams (Great Britain)
9. Rodolfo Sanchez (Spain)
10. Giovanni Vitillo (Italy)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
1. Roberto Castanon (Spain)
2. Carlos Hernandez (Spain)
3. Carlos Rodriguez (Spain)
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5. Alfredo Raininger (Italy)
6. Michele Siracusa (France)
7. Lorenzo Paciullo (Italy)
8. Luigi De Rosa (Italy)
9. Salvatore Liscapade (Italy)
10. Francis Bailleu (France)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
1. Jose Luis Vicho (Spain)
2. Salvatore Melluzzo (Italy)
3. Loris Stecca (Italy)
4. Steve Sims (Great Britain)
5. Jimmy Flint (Great Britain)
6. Cecilio Lastra (Spain)
7. Phillipe Martin (France)
8. Giuseppe La Vite (Italy)
9. Pasquale Mazza (Italy)
10. Terry McKeown (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Giuseppe Fossati (Italy)
1. Valerio Nati (Italy)
2. John Feeney (Great Britain)
3. Esteban Eguia (Spain)
4. Vicente Rodriguez (Spain)
5. Dave Smith (Great Britain)
6. Davy Larmour (Great Britain)
7. Roberto Serreli (Italy)
8. Luis de la Sagra (Spain)
9. Manuel Barquim (Spain)
10. Walter Giogetti (Italy)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charlie Magri (Great Britain)
1. Paolo Castrovilli (Italy)
2. Enrique Rodriguez Cal (Spain)
3. Kelvin Smart (Great Britain)
4. Dave George (Great Britain)
5. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
6. Giovanni Camputaro (Italy)
7. Gampiero Pinna (Italy)
8. Ciro De Leva (Italy)
9. Keith Wallace (Great Britain)
10. Marciano Garcia (Spain)

grino and Marco Boero drew, six, lightweights. Luigi Curcetti and Joe Messa drew, six, light welters.
(04-16-82)

▲ **PESARO**—Sabiyala Diavilla outpointed Mario Baseotto, six, light middles. Mbayo Wambayo outscored Nazario Mariotti, six, light middles. Giancarlo Ravaioli TKO'd Antonio Franca in four, bantams. Roberto Pisciotto outpointed Angelo Fenu, six, welters. Fioravante Calce and Rosario Indelicato drew, six, lights.
(04-17-82)

▲ **BRESCIA**—Walter Giogetti outpointed Luis de la Saga, eight, bantams.
(04-23-82)

▲ **LIGNANO SABBIADORO**—Giuseppe Fossati won the European bantam title by outscoring defending champion Valerio Nati, 12. Luciano Sorgon kayoed Joe Messa in round six, welters. Francesco Tritto and Giorgio Pipia drew, six, junior lights. Sebastiano Stotgia TKO'd Vincenzo di Bari in two, lights.
(04-28-82)

▲ **CHIANCIANO**—European heavyweight champion Rudi Koopmans retained his crown by knocking out Christiabo Cavina in the first with a left hook. Koopmans is managed by Henk Ruhling, "Mr. Boxing" in the Netherlands.
(06-02-82)

▲ **FLORENCE**—Patrizio Oliva retained his Italian light welter crown for the sixth time by stopping Bruno Simili in eight.

▲ **TURIN**—Walter Cevoli lost his Italian light heavyweight crown to Gennaro Mauriello, 10.

▲ **MODENA**—Lucio Cusma retained his Italian light weight title with a close decision over Giovanni Vitillo, 10.

▲ **ROME**—Gaetano Ardto won the Italian middle crown by outscoring Matteo Salvemini, 10.

▲ **ROSETO ABRUZZI**—Italian heavyweight champion Domenico Adinolfi retained his crown by outpointing Rinaldo Pelizarri, 10.

Franco Siddu won the Italian junior lightweight crown by stopping Lorenzo Paciullo in round nine.

NETHERLANDS

▲ **MEDEMBLIK**—Ben Tiben outscored German Jurgen Gries, four. Gries' southpaw stance often caused Tiben problems.
(05-18-82)

▲ **ROTTERDAM**—Alex Blanchard stopped American Rudy Robles in round five, light heavies. Blanchard, who is managed by Henk Ruhling, is now 20-0 with 17 kayoes. He's almost certain to rule Europe.

Anton Verrips, junior welter champ of the Benelux countries, beat the Berlin-based Turk, Ethel Oezekalin, on points, eight. Verrips is now 9-2-1.

Dutch heavyweight Andre Van den Oetelaan halted Joze Centa, Yugoslavia, in the second. Oetelaan is now 6-0 with five kayoes.

Ben Tiben, the amateur super heavyweight champion of Holland from 1978 to 1981, kayoed German Tommy Saydock with a right uppercut in the first round.

American David Conteh and German Helmut Ulka drew, eight, light heavies.
(05-24-82)

▲ **DEN HAAG**—Dutch junior middle Henk Van der Tak narrowly outscored Hocine Bouchiba, Tunis, six.
(05-24-82)

SPAIN

▲ **OTIEDO**—Jose Ramon Gomez Fouz retained his Spanish welter crown by beating Rafael Gutierrez, who was disqualified for careless use of the head in round seven.

Jose Hernandez retained his Spanish junior middle crown by outpointing Adoni Amana, 10.

Munoz Holgado won the vacant national middle crown by stopping Merche Perez in round five.

▲ **VILLA GARCIA DE AROSA**—Felipe Rodriguez made the sixth successful defense of his Spanish heavy crown by stopping Victor Varon in round five.

▲ **BARBERA DEL VALLES**—Former amateur champion Emilio Sole made it 11-0 as a professional by outscoring Manuel Salinas, six.

SWITZERLAND

▲ **GENEVA**—French flyweight champion Antonie Montero outscored Dave George, Great Britain, eight. This was George's first professional defeat.
(05-21-82)

JACK A. TREE

UNITED KINGDOM

▲ **BRIGHTON—Corn Exchange**—Tim Moloney, 143, Brighton, and Walter Clayton, 141, Sheffield, drew, eight.

George Danahar, 163, Brighton, outscored Kenny Feahan, 163½, over eight by 79-78. Feahan was cut by the right eye.

Paul Walsh, 157, Norbury, made his pro debut by drawing with Robbie Turner, 158, Lewes, six. A real crowd pleaser.

Paul Newman, 178, Bognor, outpointed Lee White, 180¼, Morden, six. Scoreline: 60-58.
(04-21-82)

▲ **ENNISKILLEN—Lakeland Forum**—Barry McGuigan, 129, kayoed Gary Lucas, 132, Liverpool, with a left to the body near the end of the first round.

Hugh Russell, 118, climbed off the floor to knock out Jim Harvey, 121, Glasgow, in the first round with a right to the body. Russell has now won seven in a row.

Young Patsy Quinn, Belfast, halted Alan Cooper, Brighton, in the second round, light welters.

Eddie McDermott, 196, stopped John Leitch, also 196, Doagh, in round three.

Kenny Bruce, 128, Enniskillen, outscored Chris McCallum, 131, Glasgow, over six by 59½-58.
(04-22-82)

▲ **CROYDON—Greyhound Hotel**—Bonny McKenzie, 183, Cardiff, won by disqualification over Ben Lawlor, 178, Kilkenny, who was ruled out in the fourth round for allegedly throwing his man.

Lawlor later claimed that he was only trying to turn his opponent, but he'd received several previous warnings—one for hitting McKenzie while he was down.

Dudley McKenzie, 163, Croydon, outpointed Mike Burton, 164, Norwood, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. Burton was down in round six.

European and British light welter champ Clinton McKenzie boxed two rounds each with brother Winston and Pat Doherty.

This was the first pro show in Croydon in six years. Co-promoters Bobby Neill and Bobby Smith said the response was good and that they hoped to continue promoting at this venue.
(04-27-82)

▲ **SOUTHEND—20th Century Sporting Club**—Delroy Pierce, 142, Slough, stopped Lee Halford, 139, Leicester, the referee intervening in round seven after Halford had been down four times.

Eric Purkiss, 140½, Clapham, narrowly outpointed Danny Shinkwin, 145, Boreham Wood, over six by 59-58½. Purkiss was too experienced for an opponent only in his third pro fight.

Carlton Benoit, 176, Tottenham, didn't lose a round outscoring Lee White, 177, Maldon, over six by 60-58.

Valentino Maccaranella, 150, Swansea, made his pro debut by stopping Noel Blair, 154, Liverpool, in round three. Valentino took the fight with only a few hours' notice.
(04-27-82)

▲ **SHEFFIELD—Top Rank Suite**—Jimmy Ellis, 164, Sheffield, knocked out Mick Morris, also 164, Wolverhampton, in the second.

Scottish welterweight champion Dave Douglas, 149½, Larkhall, outscored Robert Armstrong, 148½, Doncaster, eight. Scoreline: 80-77½. Armstrong was down in round seven.

Alan Power, 144, easily outpointed sub Barry Winters, 149, Glasgow, over six by 59½-58.

Sub Nick Jenkins, Bristol, stopped Leo Mulhearne, Doncaster, in the second round on a cut eye.
(04-28-82)

▲ **BURSLEM—Mayfair**—Stewart Shaw, 122, Nottingham, outpointed Steve Enright, also 122, Halifax, over eight by 78½-77½. Enright was decked in round two.

Rocky Severino, 154, Stoke, confirmed a previous win by narrowly outscoring Phil O'Hare, 149, Manchester, over six by 59-58½. The latter was down in round one.

Paul Murray, Birmingham, knocked out Lee Roy, Stoke, in round three with a left hook after decking him twice.

Johnny Andrews, Stepney, made it 3-0 in the pro ranks by easily outpointing Dalton Jordan, 143, Leicester, four. Scoreline: 40-38.
(04-28-82)

▲ **MIDDLESBROUGH—Marton Country Club**—Northern title holder Stewart Lithgo, 197, beat Central champ Neil Malpass, 221½, in a meeting of Area heavyweight champions. Malpass was disqualified for alleged misuse of the head after a previous warning.

Dale Henderson, 157, Middlesbrough, stopped Dave Rylance, 155, South Shields, who retired at the end of round three after sustaining a cut by the left eye that required six stitches.

Blain Logsdon, 161, Warrington, climbed off the canvas to draw with Robbie Bewick, 168½, Sunderland, six.
(05-02-82)

▲ **LONDON—Wembley Arena**—Jose Torres, 111½, Mexico, put an end to European flyweight champion Charlie Magri's hopes of a shot at a world title. The bout was halted in the ninth round after Magri had been down twice.

It was almost a carbon copy of Magri's fight with Juan Diaz, another Mexican, who knocked out Charlie after being behind on points.

Torres was substituting for Manuel Leal and proved a durable opponent. He was no match for Magri at boxing, but took all the Britisher had to offer and came right back.

Torres even had the handicap of a cut over the right eye, sustained in the first round. But he hung in there, and eventually got his reward.

In round six, the Mexican caught his opponent with a left hook that shook him momentarily, and caught him again in the two following rounds with hefty punches—mostly rights that never should have got through Magri's guard.

Magri was still forcing it. Torres was content to counter, put in a few flurries, and then go back into his shell.

Round nine—and the very first punch was a left hook that put Magri on the canvas. He rose at four—it might have been wiser to take a longer count—only to be met with a two-handed

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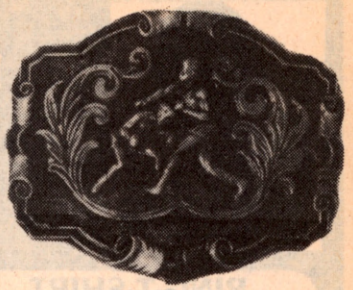

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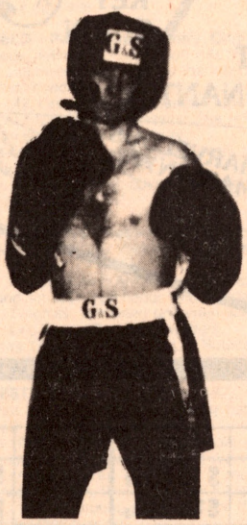

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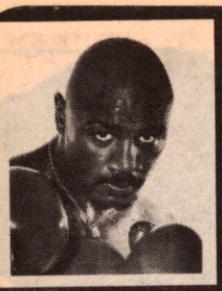

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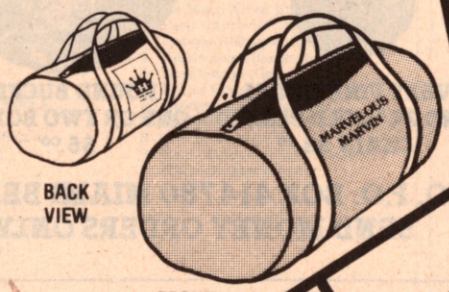

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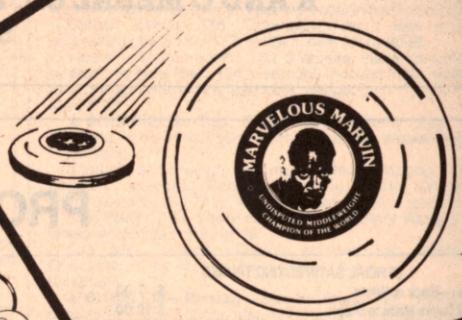

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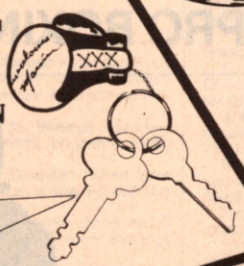

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assult that put him down again.

He rose at three (again, too soon), and was obviously dazed. Referee Roland Dakin intervened as Magri went back against the ropes.

Manager Terry Lawless did not comment on the defeat, except to say that he thought a lot of the problems Charlie seemed to be experiencing were all in the mind.

Tony Sibson, 160, retained his European middleweight crown by halting Jacques Chinon, 158½, France in the 10th round of a scheduled 12.

Sibson was not too happy with his performance, but said he had been handicapped by an injured right hand.

True, he was not as sharp as usual, but he managed to put it all together in the 10th, catching the Frenchman with a left to the head that had him backing up. As he retreated, Tony came in with a right to the head that shook Chinon to his very foundations, and referee Ed Meulenberg gave the Frenchman a standing count.

Sibson then launched another assault, and the ref decided that Chinon had taken enough.

European featherweight champion Pat Cowdell, 128½, kayoed Tomas Diaz, 129½, with a right to the body in round two.

Frank Bruno, 214, Wandsworth, stopped Ron Gibbs, 208½, U.S.A., in the fourth round, decking him with a left hook.

Jimmy Bott, 121, Liverpool, floored Ivor Jones, 117½, three times in the sixth round before their bout was stopped.

Gunther Roomes, 144, Eltham, knocked out Derek McKenzie, 146, Guam, now based in Fulham, in 2:50 of round one.

Terry Smith, 134½, Covent Garde, outscored Rocky Mensah, 139, Ghana, over six by 59½-58.

(05-04-82)

▲ **SOLIHULL—Midlands Sporting Club—**Former British welter champion Kirkland Laing, 148, kayoed Midlands Area title holder Joey Mack, 146½, at the end of round seven.

Lance Williams, 138½, Manchester, halted Glyn Rhodes, 138, Sheffield, in the seventh.

Walter Clayton, 138, Sheffield, outscored Gerry Beard, 137, Nottingham, over eight by 79½-77½.

Hughey Currie, 203, Catford, outpointed Manny Gabriel, 184, Northampton, over eight by 79-77½.

Tony Laing, 140, Nottingham, stopped Sam Omedi, 141, Plymouth, in the first round. The ref stepped in after Omedi had been floored by a left to the head.

(05-05-82)

▲ **LONDON—World Sporting Club—**Funso Banjo, 211½, didn't lose a round outpointing experienced Tony Moore, 203½, Hendon, over eight by 80-77½.

Carlton Benoit, 177, Hackney, kayoed Geoff Rhymer, Hull, in round six with a right to the jaw after setting him up with a left hand.

Johnny Dorey, 120½, Eltham, outscored Andy King, 119, Maesteg, over eight by 79½-77 in a good crwod pleaser. A fair result, but King did better than the scoreline suggests.

Vince Vartey, 132, Sheffield, narrowly outpointed debutant Ron Shinkwin, 136, Boreham Wood, over four by 40-39½. The 17-year-old Shinkwin was a last minute sub.

(05-06-82)

▲ **BIRMINGHAM—Arden Sporting Club—**Dino Wallace, 164, Wolverhampton, outpointed Willie Wright, also 164, Birmingham, over six by 59½-58.

Joey Williams, 177, Poplar, and Jerry Golden, also 177, Manchester, drew, six. Golden was down in round two from a right hand to the head.

Chris Lewin, 154½, Croydon, easily outpointed Dalton Jordan, 154, Leicester, over six by 59½-57½.

Errol Dennis, 160½, Wolverhampton, outscored Elvis Morton, 150, Leicester, over six by 59½-58½. Morton was making his pro debut. Dennis was down in the fourth session.

Tommy Bennett, 147, Sheffield, outpointed fellow debutant Andy Letts, 143, Nottingham, over four by 40-38.

(05-10-82)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Liver Sporting Club—**Kevin Pritchard, 136, Liverpool, and Colin Harrison, 137, Glasgow, eight.

Tony Brown, 148, Liverpool, halted Gary Petty, 152, Hull, in round five.

Nigel Savory, 176, Leeds, overcame a slow start to outscore Garry Jones, 177, Glasgow, over six by 59-58½.

Debutant Mick Dono, 140, Liverpool, outpointed John Daly, 138, by 59-58½ over six. Daly was decked in the first session.

(05-10-82)

▲ **COPTHORNE—Alan Minter Int. Sporting Club—**Jimmy Cable, 158, Orpington, got off the canvas in the fifth round to outscore Joe Jackson, 163, Coventry, over eight by 79½-77½.

Devon Bailey, 178, Battersea, knocked out Joe Frater, 180, Grimsby, in the second with a right.

Shaun Shinkwin, 126, Boreham Wood, outpointed Kevin Hay, 127, Grimsby, six.

(05-10-82)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Only two bouts on this Annual Ladies Night program.

Lee Graham, Finchley, and Steve Pollard, Hull, drew, eight, featherweights.

Jimmy Ward, Southampton, finished strongly to outscore Frank Johnson by one round (or, half a point) in their six-round welterweight encounter.

(05-10-82

▲ **DERBY—Assembly Rooms—**Steve Topliss, Derby, didn't lose a round outpointing Ian Murray, 126, Manchester, eight. Scoreline: 80-76.

John Sharkey, 128, Glasgow, outscored Alec Irvine, also 128,the Midlands Area featherweight king, eight. Scoreline: 79-77½.

Eddie Toro, 126, Manchester, narrowly outpointed Carl Gaynor, Manchester, by 59-58½ over six. Plenty of action, and a fine debut for Toro.

Clive Beardsley, 174, Melbourne, stopped Paul Heatley, 175, Manchester, at the end of seven. The bout was halted due to a cut near Heatley's right eye.

(05-11-82)

▲ **WAKEFIELD—Painthorpe Country Club—**Phil Duckworth, 149, Leeds, outscored Phil Gibson, 140, Hull, over eight by 79½-77½. Duckworth was cuty by the left optic in round seven, a cut which needed five stitches.

Mark Duffy, 142, Leeds, halted debutant Frank Abercromby, 140, Glasgow, at 1:03 of the first session. The referee stepped in when the latter sustained an eye injury.

Michael Marsden, 128, Leeds, outpointed Mark Stoops, 127½, Glasgow, over six by 60-57½.

Mark Davey, 138, Wakefield, outscored Mike Bromby, also 138, Hull, over six by 59½-58½.

(05-13-82)

▲ **WINDSOR—Blazers Club—**Gary Knight, West Ham, outpointed Dennis Sullivan, Plymouth, over eight rounds, welters.

Rocky Kelly kayoed Robert Armstrong, Doncaster, in round two after decking him with right hands twice, welters.

Alan Power, Finchley, remained unbeaten with a six-round points win over Eric Purkis, Battersea, welters.

Peter Gabbitus, Doncaster, stopped Lou Buttice, Islington, in round two, lightweights.

(05-17-82)

▲ **MANCHESTER—**Paul Costigan, 152, Manchester, stayed unbeaten in his first eight-rounder by outpointing Paul Murray, also 152, Birmingham, 78½-78.

Glen Crump, 149, Sheffield, was down from a left hook in round three, but came back strongly to beat Wayne Crolla, also 149, Manchester, the referee intervening in round four after Crolla had been down twice. It was the latter's first defeat.

Tony Brown, 146, Liverpool, stopped Cecil Williams, 152, Birmingham, in the fourth round.

Blane Longsden, 158, Warrington, easily outpointed Dalton Jordan, 157, Leicester, six. Scoreline: 59½-57½.

(05-17-82)

▲ **LONDON—York Hall—**Mark West, 119¼, Newhaven, outscored Gary Nickels, 117½, Paddington, eight. The scoreline was a narrow 78½-78. It was only Nickels' third loss as a pro.

Lloyd Honeyghan, 145¼, Bermondsey, didn't lose a round outpointing Kostas Petrou, 144, Birmingham, eight. Scoreline: 80-76½.

Tony Connolly, 128½, Stepney, made his pro debut by halting Bobb Finlay, 125½, Kirkcaldy, in the fourth.

Mo Hussein, 135, West Ham, stopped Eddie Glass, 137, Hartlepool, in round four. This was Hussein's pro debut.

John Bibby, 147½, Bedford, halted Andy Letts, 144½, Nottingham, at 1:34 of the first round.

Martin Herdman, 218, Kingston, halted Hughroy Currie, 212¼, Catford, in the fourth.

(05-18-82)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Doug James, 161½, Swansea, halted Billy Lauder, 162, at the end of four. A cut by the left optic forced the stoppage, though James was well ahead at the time.

Geoff Pegler, Swansea, stopped Colin Harrison, 136, Glasgow, at the end of five.

Angelo D'Amore, Wembley, outscored Andy Thomas, 133½, Swansea, over six by 59½-58. Thomas was floored by a left to the head.

(05-18-82)

▲ **PRESTON—Guild Hall—**Joey Frost, 147½, Liverpool, knocked down in the first round, was hit while he was on the canvas, but got up to put Tommy McCallum, 149, Edinburgh, away with a left hook in 2:35 of the session.

Robbin Robinson, 138, Liverpool, halted Gerry Beard, Nottingham, in round two via a cut by the left eye.

Sammy Brennan, 162, Kirkby, outpointed Willie Wright, 170, Birmingham, over eight by 78½-78.

J.J. Barrett, 137, Liverpool, outscored Pete Phillips, 140, Dinnington, over six by 59½-58½.

Mike Creasey, 202, Blackpool, and Osbourne Taylor, 188, Nottingham, drew, four.

(05-20-82)

▲ **SHEFFIELD—Crucible Theatre—**Brian Anderson, 152½, Sheffield, outscored former British champ Pat Thomas, also 152½, Cardiff, 10. The scoreline was 100-96½, which means that Anderson didn't lose a round.

Walter Clayton, 141½, Sheffield, stopped sub Dave Finigan, 144½, via a cut eyelid at the end of three.

Central Area featherweight champion Steve Farnsworth, 132, climbed off the canvas in the first round to halt Ray Plant, 133, in round three.

Tommy Bennett, 146½, Sheffield, outscored Phil O'Hare, 148, Manchester, six. Scoreline: 60-58½.

Vinnie Varhey, 130, outpointed Kevin Howard, Sunderland, six. Scoreline: 59-58½. Howard was down in round three.

(05-21-82)

▲ **WOLVERHAMPTON—Civic Hall—**Cliff Gilpin, 151½, won the Midlands Area light middleweight title by stopping Lloyd Hibbert, 150¼, Birmingham, in round six. A cut by the

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John Humphrey, 165, Shrewsbury, didn't lose a round outpointing Terry Matthews, Swansea, by 80-78 over eight.

Debutant Danny Garrison, 142¾, Wolverhampton, stopped Steve Tempro, 147½, Leicester, in round three.

Davey Cox, 148½, Northampton, outscored Elvis Morton, 149½, Northampton, in round five.
(05-24-82)

▲ **BRADFORD—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—**An excellent performance by John Farrell, 121¾, Liverpool, who, in only his second pro bout, outpointed Central Area champion Steve Enright, Halifax, six. The scoreline was 60-58; Farrell didn't lose a round.

Jerry Golden, 177, Manchester, atoned for two previous defeats by knocking out Nigel Savory, 176, Leeds, in the fifth round with a right hand to the jaw.

J.J. Barrett, 136, Liverpool, stopped Peter Phillips, 137½, Dinnington. The bout was halted in the fifth round after Phillips had been down four times.

Winston Ho Shing, 135, Sheffield, narrowly outpointed Billy Laidman, 137, Durham, over six by 59-58½. There was some booing at the verdict.
(05-24-82)

▲ **NOTTINGHAM—Great Int. Sporting Club—**Cordwell Hylton, 176½, Walsall, stopped Clive Beardsley, 176, Melbourne, in the fourth round. Beardsley had been knocked down twice.

Hugh Johnson, 163, Birmingham, outscored Joey Sanders, 161½, Nottingham, over six by 59½-57½.

Dennis Sheehan, 150, Nottingham, and Paul Murray, 148, Birmingham, drew, six.

Stuart Shaw, 127, Nottingham, outpointed Brian Jones, 130, Newport, six.
(05-24-82)

▲ **LEEDS—Astoria Centre—**Tom Collins, 172½, Leeds retains his British light heavyweight crown by knocking out Trevor Cattouse, 173, Balham, with four quick punches to the head and a right to the jaw in the fourth round.

Kevin Pritchard, 138, Liverpool, narrowly outpointed Rocky Mensah, 136, Bradford, eight. Scoreline: 78½-78.

Mark Davey, 137, Wakefield, kayoed Eric Wood, 136, Doncaster, in round three with a right to the chin.

Mark Duffy, 140, Leeds, scored a narrow 59-58½ points win over sub Mick Dono, 144, Liverpool, six.

Taffy Mills, 120, Sunderland, stopped John Doherty, Bradford, at 0:46 of the first round.
(05-26-82)

▲ **LONDON—National Sporting Club—**Rory Burke, 131, Ipswich, finished strongly to outscore Lee Graham, also 131, Finchley, over eight by 79-78.,

Alan Tombs, 131, Hastings, and Steve Pollard, 130, Hull, drew, eight.

Paul Mitchell, 152, Leeds, outpointed Jimmy Ward, 151½, Southampton, six. Scoreline: 59½-58.

Debutant John Fallon, 188½, Hull, halted Osbourne Taylor, 197, in the first.
(05-26-82)

▲ **GLASGOW—St. Andrews Sporting Club—**Willie Booth, 134¼, regained the Scottish lightweight title by outpointing Ian McLeod, 134, Edinburgh, 10. Scoreline: 98½-97½. It was close all the way through, and neither could establish superiority for any length of time.

The title had become vacant when champion Peter Harrison retired.

Gerry Devine, 138½, Paisley, and Ray Ross, 138, Ardglass, drew, six.

John Daly, Keighley, outscored Tyrell Wilson, Newport, over six by 59-58½.
(05-31-82)

▲ **LIVERPOOL—Stadium—**Alan Lamb, 139½, Lancaster, retained his Central Area light welter crown by outpointing Dave Taylor, 139¼, Bootle, 10. Scoreline: 98½-97½.

Taylor was magnificent in defeat. He was down in round three, on the verge of going down again in the following frame, was bruised by the left eye (which soon closed), and bled from the nose. Yet he still contested every issue, and was still punching away at the final bell.

Nevertheless, Lamb used his physical advantages to good effect, and was the harder puncher. To say he was fully extended would be an understatement.

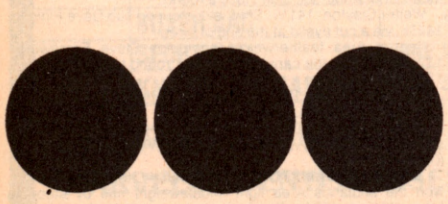
Taylor, incidentally, lost two years of his career due to a heart murmur.

It was inevitable that the fans throw in nobbins. Lamb's manager, Harry Burgess, instructed that they all go to Taylor, saying, "He deserves them."

Winston McKenzie, 141, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing George Schofield, 140½, Liverpool, over eight by 79-78, a verdict that did not meet with universal approval.

Glyn Rhodes, 138, Sheffield, halted Brian Snagg, 142, Liverpool, who retired with double vision in round four. Snagg had won a previous meeting.
(06-03-82)

RON OLVER



AFRICA

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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

▲ **CAPE TOWN—Good Hope Centre—**Piet Crous retained his South African light heavy crown by flooring Prince Tukane three times in the 12th round for a stoppage.

Matata Plaatjies clearly outscored former WBA flyweight champion Peter Mathebula, 10 rounds, in an upset.
(07-05-82)

NATAL

▲ **DURBAN—West Ridge Park Tennis Stadium—**Agatha Christie would have called it "The Mystery of the Missing Punch." Not even Robbie Williams was able to describe the blow that knocked him out.

"I don't know which punch did the damage," Williams confessed after Bennie Knoetze had flattened him in 2:09 of the first round.

Knoetze claims it was a left hook that did the trick, and I guess we'll have to take his word for it. But people are already calling this the fight of the phantom punch.

I can't say I blame them. My immediate impression was that Williams had been pushed down, and I expected him to get up. Instead, he lay motionless for three or four minutes after he'd been counted out.

Brian Baronet outpointed British lightweight Walter Clayton, eight.
(06-28-82)

TRANSVAAL

▲ **ORKNEY—Oppenheimer Stadium—**Harold Volbrecht retained his South African welter title with a hairline points decision over Peter Mgojo, 12.

Mgojo has only himself to blame for not getting the decision. He was far too cautious, and many of his punches —particularly his jab—kept falling short.

After a shaky start, Volbrecht came back well in the late rounds, and it was this strong finish that won him the fight.
(06-26-82)

BERT BLEWETT

ORIENT

JAPAN

▲ **TSURGA—Tsuruga City Gymnasium—**Hayao Shiba, 130, kayoed Shogo Tabata, 129¾, with 18 seconds remaining in the 10th and final round.

Noboru Kawaguchi, 147, kayoed Keiichi Nakatani, 146, in 0:49 of the opening round of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Hirochi Ichikawa, 153, kayoed Tadayoshi Hotta, 149, in 1:24 of the third canto. Takeshi Azuma, 117¾, kayoed Masahiro Asai, 117½, in 117 of the first, Hideo Iwamoto, 145¾, won a unanimous decision over Kenya Ken, 145½. Hiroshi Morii, 120¾, kayoed Toshio Maekawa, 121¼, in 1:08 of the first. Hitoshi Taniuchi, 107½, kayoed Hiroyuki Aikata, 108, with a solid left uppercut in 2:29 of the third. Seiichi Sugiura, 121½, decisioned Koichi Satojima, 121. Tomoyuko Morimoto, 110¾, kayoed Mkoto Tatsumi, 110½, in the first. Kisashiro Asuka, 141, kayoed Koji Iwata, 143½, in 0:26 of the first.

Shigenobu Ishimaru's Hokuriku Ishimaru Promotions.

Attendance—2,000.
(05-01-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Katchuhuhilo Fukugomori, 117½, won a unanimous decision over Koshiro Yamamoto, 117¼, 10. Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 99-97; judges Kodai Jumazaki and Yusaku Yoshida, 98-97 and 100-96, respectively.

In the semi-final, lefty banger Gen Tosa, 129½, won an easy one-sided decision over Koji Sengoku, 129½, 10. Scoring: 100-91, 100-92, 99-89.

Condor Yamamoto, the JBC's seventh ranked contender, stopped Takashi Uezu, 121½, in 1:22 of the ninth round of a scheduled ten. Condor upped his record 9-6-2 with six kayo's.

Mugen (Shigeru) Kawasake, 143½, kayoed Tomohiro Nagao, 141¾, in 1:45 of the second round of their scheduled six.

Takahiro Masaki, 107½, won a unanimous decision over Yoshihito Toriumi, 107½, six. Scoring: all cards 59-57.

Four-rounders: Takamori Morioka, 130, came off the canvas and dropped Junichi Misawa, 130, with solid combinations, at 2:54 of the opening round. Kazushi Maebara, 129¾, and Hideki Ishida, 129½, drew, six. Shingo Hayasaka, 107½, outpointed Takuto Misawa, 106¾, in the curtain raiser bout.

Attendance—1,300
(05-04-82)

▲ **OSAKA—Prefectural Gymnasium—**Hidekazu Akai, 146½, improved to 10-1, by stopping Filipino Fred Galan, 144½, at 0:28 of the fifth round of a scheduled ten.

In the semi-final ten, Korea's top bantam contender, Dong-Young-Kim, 117½, utilized his reach and height advantage and went on to score a unanimous decision over Kazumi Sato, 118. Scoring: (99-95, 99-94, 98-96).

Four rounders: Shinichi Sugita, 111¾, won a unanimous decision over Akio Asaura, 110½, four. Sadatoyo Tobiyo, 121, decisioned Mitsua Nagaiwa, 121. All judges scored 40-37. Katsunori Wataguchi, 118½, was kayoed by Masayoshi Matsuura, 119½, in 2:12 of the third. Takeyoshi Akazawa, 124¼, stopped Koyu Eura, 125½ at 3:02 of the first. Tomoharu Ogwa, 111, fought to a majority draw with Hiranobu Watakuchi, 110¾, in the opener.

Attendance—6,200
(05-06-92)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Spider Nemoto, 126, won a unanimous decision over Yushin (Modest) Napunyi, 125, 10. Scoring: referee Takeshi Shimakawa and judge Takeaki Kanaya, both 100-98; judge Takeo Ugo, 99-96. Nemoto improved his record to 49-9-2.

In the semi-final 10, up-and-coming Hiriyuki Seki, 114, kayoed Yoshihiko Kawahira, 114½, in 2:42 of the third. Seki remains undefeated with a 5-0-1 record.

Fugio Ozaki, 138¾, kayoed veteran Kohiro Sasiki, 138, with quick, but light combinations in 1:46 of the eighth and final round. Ozaki raised his record to 8-1 with six kayoes.

Kenji Ono, 107¾, won a majority decision over the durable Toshikazu Higa, 107½, six. Scoring: 60-58, 59-58, 59-59.

Fours rounders: Hiroshi Kizato, 115, stopped Masanori Inaba, 114, in 2:40 of the fourth and final round. Shunji Tsuchiya, 110¼, decisioned Naoki Hatakeyama, 111¾. Katsuhiro Kuroda, 108¾, kayoed southpaw Toshiki Kawabata, 107½, in 1:27 of the fourth and final session.

Arisawa Promotions.

Attendance—1,600.
(05-07-82)

▲ **CHIGASAKI—City Gymnasium—**Lord Mitsuru, 108, Osaka, was decisioned by Yoshiaki Nojima, 107¾, ten. Scoring: (98-95, 98-95, 98-97)

Featherweight Rsher Kawaauchi, 125¼, TKO'd Joe Hayato, 125½, at 2:06 of the seventh round of a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Takashi Maruo, 117, stopped Shigenobu Kuranaga, 117, in 3:00 of the first. Hisakatu Yoshimoto, 106¾, decisioned Tomio Fugiwara, 108. Satoshi Makiyana, 126½, decisioned Tsutomu Akashi, 121¼. Junior bantam Yoshio Mitsuboshi, 114, kayoed Kazunori Takahashi, 115, in 3:00 of the first of the round. Tadashi Hatakeyama, 125, stopped Yoshihito Ijuin, 125¾, at the end of the second.

Attendance—1,500
(05-06-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Undefeated lefty Rikuo Watanabe, 107¼, won a unanimous decision over Toshihiro Okumoto, 106¼, 10.

German Torres, ranked third by the WBC in the light flyweight divison engaged in two rounds of sparring.

Zenichi Hasegawa, 117, floored Kenji Sakushi, 117½, at 1:20 of the second round of a scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Mamoru Nakoshi, 125¼, kayoed Norimitsu Hajime, 126, in 1:58 of the second round. Hiroshi Yamamoto, 118, stopped Hideki Kanai, 118, in 2:17 of the third round. Noboru Hayashi, 121¼, kayoed Toru Kosuge, 120¼, in 2:00 of the third round. Kenzo Ishibashi, 122, won a majority decision over Masayuki Ueda, 120½. Hirotake Sasahara, 105¾, stopped Tomio Kuroda, 108, in 0:52 of the third round.

This card was held in commemoration of former Japanese flyweight champ Koichi Maki.

Attendance—1,400
(05-17-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—**Koki Ishii, 109½, kayoed Yoshiaki Kanda, 109¾, at 0:45 of the seventh round of a scheduled 10. Ishii, 27, the Japanese version of Sugar Ray Leonard, improved his pro record to 10-1.

In the semi-final, Hammer (Yutaka Itoi, 139, won a majority duke over Miharu Muto, 139, ten. Scoring: 98-95, 98-96, 97-97.

Kazuhiro Matsuda, 119¼, won a unanimous decision over Kanji Itsukaichi, 120, six. Scoring: 60-58 (twince) 60-57.)

Four-rounders: Fsidukr Dsksi, 133, stopped Takenoru Kojima, 120, in 0:49 of the third round. Masahiro Sasaki and Mitsuru Nanamegi both 121, drew. Sakae Tsuchiya, 122, was kayoed by Makito Gamoo, 123½, at 0:42 of the first. Kazumi Hamakawa, 106¾, won a majority decision over Kazuo Sawada, 106½. Toshimi Mirua, 110¾, stopped Hosaku Mori, 111¾, with only three seconds remaining in the fourth round. Kunio Takanami, 118, was awarded a majority decision over Hideaki Sato, 118, in the opener. Scoring: 39-38. 39-38, and 39-39.

Attendance—2,000

This card was dedicated to former Japanese junior feather-weight champ Yu Kasahara.
(05-26-82)

▲ **OKAYAMA—Martial Arts Hall—**Tatsuya Moriyasu, 138¼, won a majority decision over Eiichi Fukumoto, 139¼, ten. Scoring: 98-96, 99-96, 98-98.

Sincre Inoue, 134¾, floored Takashi Fuki, 138¼, at 2:55 of the third round of their scheduled eight.

Four-rounders: Tomikazu Kaneshiro, 125½, lost a split decision Taro Akiyama, 120¼. Kazushi Hara, 128, and Hitoshi Iwamoto, 129, drew. Ken Matsuyama, 124¾ TKO'd Keiichi Nakagawa, 126, at 2:00 of the third round.

Makoto Tatsumi, 107, decisioned George Katsumi, 108. Kiyotaka Tanaka, 134¼, won a unanimous decision over Shin Yamazaki, 134¼, in the opener.

Attendance—2,600
(05-26-82)

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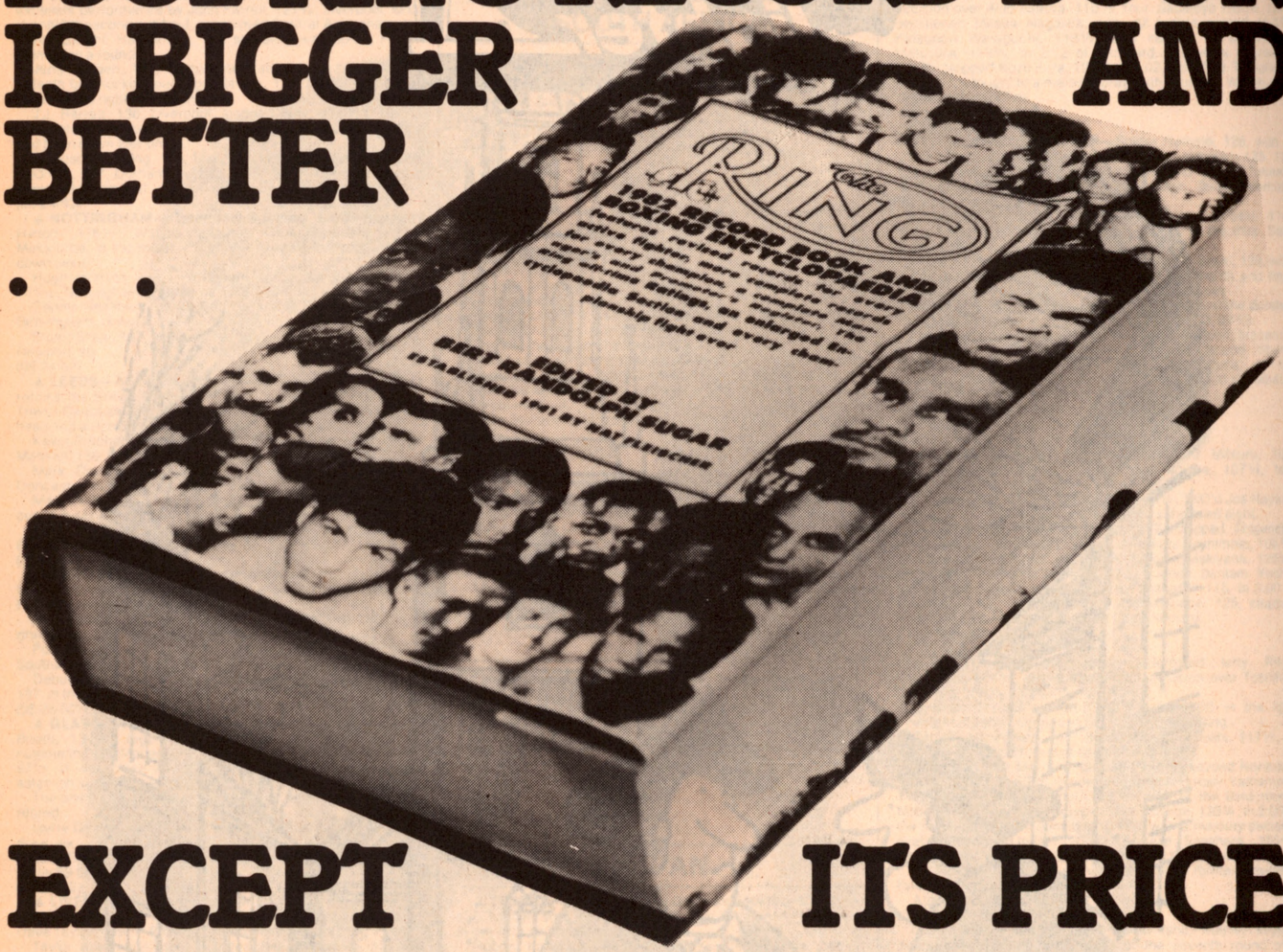

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▲ **TAKASAKI—Central Gymnasium**—Former WBA junior middle champ Tadashi Mihara decisioned Mimoun Mohatar, Morocco, 10. Scoring: 100-90, 100-89, 100-92

In the semi-final eight, Yasuhide Takahashi, 129¾, stopped Hideto Totsuka, 129½, at 1:22 of the third. Toru Kurihara, 107½, kayoed Masao Otsuka, 106¾, in 1:42 of the third.

Attendance—2,000

(05-27-82)

▲ **TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Yuto Kazaki, 110, stopped Kiyomi Sato, 110, in 2:06 of the sixth of a scheduled 10.

In the semi-final ten, Yasuo Azato, the JBC's seventh ranked junior, 111¾, kayoed Mutsuo Watanabe, 111¾, in 2:43 of the sixth of a scheduled 10.

Takeshi Mitsuru, 121, won a unanimous duke over Tsutomu Hasegawa, 121½, six.

Four-rounders: Hiroaki Morimotom 113¾, kayoed Shunji Ueno, 114½, in 2:18 of the second round. Shinji Maeda, 125½, decisioned Yoji Shigesawa, 126, four. Yoshiharu Yokoshoji, 117½, stopped Hidenori Yoshida, 116¼, in 2:27, of the second canto. Fujio Wakabayashi, 139¾, won a unanimous decision over Masao Hasegawa, 140, four. Minoru Imai, 107¼, won a split decision over Seiji Sato, 106¾, in the opener.

Attendance—1,600

(05-29-82)

▲ **OITA—Prefectural Niage Gymnasium**—Masaji Fujiwara, 143, decisioned Kazaunori Shiratori, 143¼, the JBC's fourth ranked contender, eight.

Hiroshi Izumiya, 158¾, decisioned Koji Kato, 157½, six.

Four-rounders: Masaki Sono, 115, decisioned Toshinori Furumoto, 113, four. Seiji Ueda, 128½, and Masato Wakamoto, 128½, drew. Takeshi Tokumaru, 111¾, outpointed Shinichi Ogawa, 110½, four. Tatsuya Sugi, 107½ TKO'd Hidetoshi Kuroeda, 107, at 1:59 of the first round. Isamu Teramoto, 128¾, stopped Masanao Bungo, 129½, in 2:15 of the first.

(05-29-82)

▲ **HITACHI CITY—Ikenokawa Gymnasium**—Hideyuki Shikano, 129½, won a split decision over Toshiaki Nakamoto, 130, 10. Scoring: (99-97, 98-97 for Shikano, and Nakamoto scored 99-98)

Four-rounders: Ichiro Ogamino, 124, kayoed Futoshi Iizuka, 123¾, in 2:52 of the first round. Mitsuo Omori, 113¾, decisioned Norikazu Suzuki, 113¾, Koji Yagiu, 107, decisioned Koji Kawamura, 107. Katsuyoshi Kawashimo, 143¼, outpointed Jun Nishimura, 144. Kazuhiro Seya, 110, and Yusuke Matsumura, 109¾, drew. Hiroshi Hori, 140, stopped Seiichi Ogata, 139½, at 1:36 of the second round. Kazushige Ieda, 114, decisioned Kazuhiko Nakagwa, 114½. Tomozumi Yara, 122, and Hitoshi Tomoshige drew in the opener.

(05-30-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI

KOREA

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—It was a sad night for Filipino flyweight hope Andy Balaba. He was decked by Hi-Sop Shin, 111½, with 25 seconds remaining in the 10th and final round, knocked unconscious, and rushed to the hospital, where he later died. The boxing world of the Orient mourns Balaba's passing.

The semi-final saw an eliminator to decide a new Korean junior featherweight champion. Ki-Yung Chung, 121½, outpointed Sang-Yul Ahn, 121½, 10, to seize the vacant title.

In the first ten, Jung-Kwan Chung, 109¾, decisioned Hwa-Kyu Lee, 109¼.

Chul Hyun, 109¼, decisioned Kum-Dong Park, 110¼, four.

(05-07-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Changchung Gymnasium**—Soon-Chun Kwon, 115, decisioned Thai Pharyoa Poltharat, 12. Scoring: 120-111, 120-115, 119-110.

Kyung-Hwan Chae, 139¼, decisioned Jae-Seung Yuh, 140, 10.

Suk-Keun Song, 111¼, decisioned Hee-Won Lee, 110½, six.

Four-rounders: Bantie Ju-Do Chun, 118¾, outscored Kyung-Wo Park, 119¼. Chang-Sun Shin, 122¼, and Jung-Moon Yun, 122¼, drew. Suk-Sun Kwang, 118, decisioned An-Shik Park, 118.

(05-08-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chul Kwon, 122¼, extended his winning streak to 13-0 by stopping Fel Aporto, 121¼, at 0:51 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Kwang-Ho Song, 114½, looked very impressive as he polished off German Ellana, 113½, in 0:97 of the first round in a scheduled 10.

In the first 10, Sang-Myun Choi, 122¾, kayoed Chang-Shik Park, 123, at 2:04 of the sixth.

Four-rounders: Yun-Ho Park, 113, stopped Won Do Chang, 115½, at 0:42 of the final round. Jae-Hun Kim, 146½, decisioned Kyu-Hyun Choi, 147. Chang-Duk Park, 117¾, halted Shin Hyun Cho, 117½, at 1:34 of the second round. Jae-Jin Oh, 113¼, and Yun-Ie Moon, 113, fought to a draw,

Soon-Chang Suh Saeki Promotions.

(05-09-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sung-Nam Kim, 109¾, the WBA's top junior flyweight contender, decisioned Fred Guanzon, 108¾, in 10.

Seung-Dong Yang, 124, outpointed Ki-Tae Kim, 124¼, 10.

Ki Shik Yang, 109½, decisioned Jae-Min Shin, 109, six.

Four-rounders: Dong-Wun Shin, 136¼, stopped Yong-Tae Ju, 136½, at 0:59 of the second. Sang-Nam Shin, 112¼, decisioned Jae-Tae Sa, 112½.

Myung-Wu Yuh, 110¼, decisioned Chang-Yong, 110. Hi-Suk Kim, 109¾, and I'Kyu Hwang, 109, fought to a draw in the opener.

(05-16-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Sang-Ho Lee, 140½, the WBA's fifth ranked junior welterweight, ran his record to 22-0 with a kayo of Gar Atayde, 140, at 1:32 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

In the semi-final, Korean bantamweight champ Yong-Hwan Oh, 119¼, was defeated by Jae-Hun Kim, 119, in a ten round decision.

Kwan-Suk Lee, 116¼, TKO'd Yhu-Kwang How, 116¾, at 1:17 of the seventh round in a scheduled eight.

Sung-Hyun Yuh, 128, decisioned Sung-Hwa Jin, 128, eight.

Kwan-Won Lee, 127¾, and Ok-Yong Kim, 128½, fought to a draw, eight.

Wan Tak Choi, 126, and Myung-Sub Choi, 126¾, fought to a draw, six.

Four-rounders: Joung Bok Park, 134, stopped Chong-Ho Cho, 135, at 0:42 of the first found. In-Keun Hwang, 112½, and Tae-Yun Moon, 111½, fought to a draw.

(05-22-82)

▲ **CHONGJU—Chongju Gymnasium**—Tae-Jin Moon, 129¾, TKO'd Ryu Fukida, 129¾, at 1:16 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12.

Kyu-Won Choi, 138¼, decisioned Jong-Ki Ra, 138, 10.

Joung-Suk Lim, 125¾, kayoed Tae-Yong Choi, 125¾, at 0:95 of the first round in a scheduled six.

Yong-Suk Park, 110¼, decisioned Wo-Yong Kim, 110¼, six.

Four-rounders: Ie-Nam Lim, 119¼, decisioned Il-Kwang Park, 119.

(05-29-82)

▲ **CHONGJU—Chongju Gymnasium**—Il Yang, 131¼, and Tito Adigue, 131¼, fought to a draw, 10.

Kang-San Lee, 119¼, kayoed Jimmy Boy, 120¼, at 3:02 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Four-rounders: Kum-Sub Han, 110¾, decisioned Kum-Jung Yun, 110¼, Ki-Chang Kim, 114½, decisioned Kyung-Chul Kim, 114½. The bout between Myo-Rae Joung, 120, and Jae-Ho Cho, 120¼, was declared a technical draw at 0:08 of the second round. Yung-Kun Yuh, 120¾, decisioned Ke-Rae Chung, 118½, in the opener.

(05-29-82)

▲ **SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Deuk-Koo Kim, 135, decisioned Flash Villamer, 135, 12. Scoring: 118-114, 119-113, 120-116.

In the semi-final, Moon-Chin Choi, 110¾, stopped Noel Tibay, 111, at 2:34 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Chang-Il Yim, 159¾, decisioned Byung Rae Yuh, 159½, for the middleweight crown.

Chan-Young Park, 117½, stopped Yang-Il Shin, 116¾, at 3:02 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.

Ki-Yong Lee, 114½, decisioned Ki-Ho Shin, 113½, eight.

Four-rounders: Chung-Youl Kim, 135, decisioned Joung-Bok Park, 135, Joung-Won Park, 147, decisioned Chi-Gu Kim, 146½. Young-Sam Cho, 116¼, and Hi-Youl Chu, 115¾, in the opener.

(05-30-82)

JOE Y. KOIZUMI & YOO-CHANG KIM

THAILAND

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Santhi Donjadee, 127, kayoed Yod Oetsingha, 126, in 1:24 of the second round in a scheduled six.

(04-18-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kanakorn Thaphoothai, 141, ran his unbeaten streak to 3-0 by kayoing Petprakarn Songsongphol, 143, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(04-22-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadmnern Stadium**—Kanpetch Sathiragym, 112, stopped Singnoi Singkrungton, 113, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(04-25-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—TV Channel 7 Ring**—Pongpan Sorphayathai, 124, TKO'd Nasai Charermchaigym, 124, in the first round of a scheduled 10.

(04-25-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Sakdisamai Chorsirirat, 118, kayoed Chartrung Petsingha, 118, in the first round.

(04-27-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Suriya Pratumvadee, 112, decisioned Phutai Lukminburi, 112, six.

(04-29-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Prayoonsak Muangsurin, 110, kayoed Chokchai Sithkunthong, 109, in the opening canto of a scheduled six.

(05-02-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Narongrit Kiatpaongjinda, 110, kayoed Chatthong Pronnivat, 110, in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

(05-03-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Pongprai Siripong, 108, decisioned Pohnimit Sithseemok, 110, six.

(05-04-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thaveekoon Chorsuenanan, 124, kayoed Kongkait Sithmanun, 125, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(05-05-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Pornphannoi Pangnokthai, 124, kayoed Yuthanachai Chalermchaigym, 124, in the first round.

(05-06-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Brabtorani Luklumpakchee, 120, TKO'd Dejumnuen Singthanongsakdi, 123, in the first round.

(05-10-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Prayoonsak Muangsurin, 110, decisioned Surasak Singkrungthon, 110, six.

(05-13-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Thongberm Lukanturee, 112, kayoed Poothai Lookminburee, 112, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(05-14-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Downthong Chuvatana, 138, stopped Yodkwan Domepassport, 136, in the second round of a scheduled six.

(05-17-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—P. Angthong, 112, kayoed Siridech Petsingha, 110, in the opening round of a scheduled six.

(05-18-82)

▲ **BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaosai Galssy, 117. Stopped Ali Formentera, 114½, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.

(05-24-82)

Thailand's first world champion Pone Kingpetch, died of pneumonia and heart failure at Ramathibodhi Hospital on May 31. All of the orient boxing fraternity mourns the passing of the great flyweight champion.

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PHILIPPINES

▲ **BAGUIO CITY**—Francis Camatagan, 135, won a unanimous decision over Filipino junior lightweight champ Nene Jun, also 135, 10.

In the semi-final, national junior featherweight champ, Ric Diamale, 120, TKO'd Tale Maguan, 119, in the ninth round of a scheduled 10.

Ramon Chan, 112, decisioned Joe Gaviola, 110, 10.

(04-24-82)

▲ **CEBU CITY**—Fel Malatag, 122½, TKO'd Robinson Abato, 122, 10. Victorino Pasana, Promoter.

(04-30-82)

▲ **BUTAN CITY**—Eldie Paradeo, 122, won a unanimous decision over Jun Garciam 112, 10

(04-18-82)

▲ **ANGELS CITY**—Lito Pena, 135½, won a unanimous decision over former Filipino Champ Max boy Toyogon, 135¼, 10.

In the semi-final ten, Eddie Canero, 128½, TKO'd Sandy Torres, 129, in the second round.

(04-03-82)

▲ **PANABO DAVO**—Rene Aroy, 122, the second ranked junior featherweight TKO'd Sul Inting, 122, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10

(04-03-82)

▲ **CAG. DE ORO CITY**—Ronald Sumalis, 125½, won a unanimous decision over Jong Jona Pacquing, 126½, 10.

(04-17-82)

▲ **VALENZUELA—Metro Manila**—Elmer Leonard, 127½, TKO'd Pedro Guial, 131, in the seventh round of a scheduled 10.

(04-17-82)

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Benny Tabua, 157, and Ross Eadie, 149, drew, 10.

Tommy Woods, 136, outpointed Lou Williams, 132, six.

Sparrow Freeman, 132, and Disco George, 131, drew, six.

Ritchie Bardo, 150, outscored Lucky Campbell, 147, five.

(05-11-82)

▲ **CARDIFF—Workers Club**—Promoter Ron Short, who promoted here a few years ago, made a comeback with an interesting program. He lost money, however, as the headliners were not locals.

Manny Trickilis, 152¼, won a unanimous decision over Tony Campbell, 147¾, in the 10-round main event. Scoring: referee Billy Males and judge Les Gibbons, both 99-92; judge Neville Short, 100-91. The crowd enjoyed the encounter, and showered the ring with notes and coins.

Joe Burruni, 168½, outscored Sam Parsons, 154¼, six.

Three-rounders: Trevor Singleton, 158¾, and Ian Hudson, 182, drew. Russell Sands, 151, outpointed Roy Alexander, 158¾. Dean Thomas, 133½, stopped Bernie Ellis, 128, in the second.

(05-11-82)

▲ **CANLEY VALE—Diggers Club**—Lou Cruz, 148¾, knocked out Rodney Roberts, 147¾, with a right to the head in the second round of a scheduled 10. It was the first kayo win the 31-year-old Cruz had recorded in 36 total bouts.

Joe Burruni, 169¾, knocked out Graham Bray, 180¾, in the second frame of a scheduled six.

Lou Williams, 135½, outscored Dean Thomas, 135¼, four.
Three-rounders: Roy Alexander, 158¾, outscored Russell Sands, 151. Eric Fenench, 124, stopped Brad O'Toole, 130, in the first.
(05-14-82)

▲ **MT. PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Former Australian featherweight champion Gary Williams, 134½, easily outpointed former Australian lightweight king Billy Mulholland, 136½, 10. Billy had difficulty handling Gary's southpaw style, but why he should have moved the wrong way is puzzling in view of the fact that he has beaten several southpaws of class. Referee Paul Moore had Williams winning nine out of 10 rounds.

Former Australian amateur welter champion Pat Leglise, 136, stopped veteran Speedo Duke, 150½, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight. No knockdowns, but Duke was not hitting back when referee Moore stepped in.

Four-rounders: Russell Sands, 151½, halted Ron Brown, 137½, in round three. Dean Thomas, 136, stopped Edin Tugrul, 132¾, in the fourth.
(05-19-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Joey Collins, 151, outpointed Eric King, 163, in a good, stirring eight-round bout that drew a shower.

Tommy Woods, 140, outscored Dean Thomas, 138, six.

Lucky Campbell, 149, and Brett Beakin, 159, drew, six.

Russell Sands, 152, and Tony Mark, 158, drew, five.
(05-25-82)

▲ **GOSFORD—Central Coast Leagues Club**—Clint Brown, 162, scored a comfortable points win over Manny Trickilis, 154¼, 10.

Lucky Campbell, 148¾, knocked out Joey Collins, also 148¾, in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Quite an upset.

Four-rounders: Ritchie Bardo, 152, and Greg Mastin, 159¾, drew. Geoffrey Moody, 176½, halted Rudy Darno, 183, in the first round. David Garland, 136¾, stopped Trevor Redman, 142¼, in the first.
(05-26-82)

▲ **GRENFELL—Bowling Club**—Johnny Duff, 126, outpointed Jay Crowe, 125, in the eight-round main event.

Rocky Ward, 149, and Lindsay Goode, 156, drew, six.

Wayne Meredith, 160, and Mark Simpson, 156, drew, four.

Three-rounders: Brendan Brooks, 161, outscored Johnny Risco, 158. Trevor Reid, 147, outpointed Maurice Hargraves, 154.
(05-30-82)

▲ **BROOKVALE—Manly-Warringah Leagues Club**—Bobby Williams, 114¾, and Peter Thompson, 123½, drew, eight. Williams, who does not get many fights, can easily make flyweight.

Tommy Woods, 141, outscored Rodney Brown, 136¾, six.

David Garland, 139, and Bowie Daly, 141, drew, five.

Robert Fuller, 158¾, outscored Bernie Johnson, 145½, four.
(6-02-82)

▲ **DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Billy Mulholland, 135½, outscored Rex Cannon, 134, in the 10-round main event. Referee Paul Moore, the sole official, favored Billy by two points, but the crowd thought the aggressive Cannon had fired enough guns to win. This reporter, unofficially, scored the bout even, but would not argue with Moore, who was moving around with the contestants in a bout in which every inch of the ring was covered.

John Stacey, 130, stopped Paul Talbot, 133¼, in the second round of a scheduled six.

Four-rounders: Nooky Curyer, 154¾, halted Roy Alexander, 157½, in the third round. Edin Tugrul, 130¾, outpointed Danny Renes, 126¾.

Colin Carr, 151, stopped Steve Polson, 140¼, in the first round of a scheduled three.
(06-04-82)

▲ **BROADMEADOW—Basketball Stadium**—For the second time, there was an unsatisfactory conclusion to an Australian junior welterweight title tilt between champion Peter Berrigan and Jeff Malcolm. The first time they met, on January 26th of this year, Berrigan retained the crown via a 12-round split decision after Malcolm appeared to have won 10 rounds. That decision, in this scribe's book, ranks number four among the worst that he has ever seen. The crowd went wild with hoots, and some spectators threw things. The club which hosted the fight told the promoter he was not to promote there again. though no one could blame him for the verdict. The next time there was boxing at that club, another promoter handled it.

Their second meeting, scheduled for 15 sessions, was put on by the same man who promoted the first bout. The man in question is the trainer-manager of Berrigan, and Broadmeadow, the site, is a few miles away from the venue of the first Berrigan-Malcolm meeting.

The bout came to an end about midway through round six when Berrigan suffered a cut eye caused by an accidental headclash. The doctor ruled the injury was too severe for Berrigan to continue, so the cards were collected. Under the cut eye rule, the boxer who is leading on points is declared the winner.

Referee Kim McCain had Berrigan ahead, 49-48, at the end of the last concluded round. Judge Billy Males favored Malcolm, 49-47, and judge Clive Greedy had it even. 49-49. So, the official result is a technical draw.

But for the cut eye, who would have won, with so many more rounds to travel, it's impossible to say, but Malcolm was coming on strongly at the end of the bout.

Former Australian amateur champion and Olympic rep Phil McElwaine, 173½, turned pro by halting Joe Burruni in the second round of a schedule eight. Burruni scaled 167.

McElwaine's brother, Mark, 154, stopped Al Hallett, 153, in the fifth round of their scheduled eight.

Whizzer Lawrence, 142¾, outpointed Ron Donohue, 150, six.

Bert Pevy, 139½, outscored Disco George, 134½, six.
(06-05-82)

▲ **YOUNG—Services and Citizens Club**—This country town saw its first pro card in years when Leo Moore, 200, Sydney, halted Alan Slattery, 177, in the final round of a scheduled eight-frame main event.

Four-rounders: Robert Hall, 176, halted Peter Reubens, 185, in the first round. Terry Casey, 176, stopped Ian Hudson, also 176, in the fourth. Alan Clarke, 148, outscored Russell Sands, 152.

Three-rounders: Mark Sibson, 157, outpointed Trevor Singleton, 172. Len Lynch, 144, stopped Johnny Risco, 159, in three. Reg Greedy, 178, halted Pat St. Patrick, 174, in the first round. Steve Prentice, 159, halted Lawrence Hargraves, also 159, in three.
(06-05-82)

▲ **KINGSFORD—South Sydney Junior Leagues Club**—Sparrow Freeman, 129, the perennial crowd pleaser, outpointed Disco George, 132, in the headline eight. This was the 12th bout of the year for Sparrow, the 115th of a career that has, so far, spanned only 52 months. His record is now 54-35 with 26 draws. (26 draws! That makes him a top draw fighter.)

Ritchie Bardo, 152, outpointed Greg Mastin, 159, six.

Brett Beakin, 158, outscored Tony Mark, 157, five.

Paul Connal, 143, outpointed Trevor Redman, also 143, four.
(06-08-82)

QUEENSLAND

▲ **BOONDALL—Homestead Hotel**—Rex Cannon, 135, retained his Queensland State lightweight crown by halting Robert Scott, 133½, at the end of round six in a scheduled 10. Cannon was too strong, and punished Scott in that sixth session. Referee Alan Moore inspected Scott at the round's end and then crowned Cannon.

Guy Parker, 147, won a narrow verdict over Dave Bellis, 143, in a two-man 10-round war that drew a large shower.

Three-rounders; Tuna Wilson, 180, halted Gordon Watson, 200, in the second. Chris Broad, 130, outpointed Ricky Marks, 133. Keith Arnold, 135, outscored Joe Sciacca, 150. Havea Wendt, 166, outpointed Maurice Culley, 189.
(05-14-82)

▲ **SURFERS PARADISE—Gold Coast Sales & Convention Centre**—19-year-old promoter Peter Foster presented another card here, but the crowd was down, and he lost money. Edgar (Bad News) Wallace, 187, Phoenix, Arizona, scored a comfortable points win over Maile Haumona, 207, formerly of Tonga but living in Australia for several years, in the 10-round main event. Haumona, in fact, once held the Australian heavyweight title.

Wallace floored Haumona just before the final bell, which rung as the compulsory count reached eight. Maile had risen at two. Scoring: referee Ray Mitchell, 100-91; judge Hilary Connolly, 99-91; judge Max Pescud, 99-90—all in favor of Wallace.

Commonwealth junior lightweight champion John Aba, 131½, Papua New Guinea, won a unanimous decision over former Australian lightweight champion Billy Mulholland, 134, 10. Scoring: referee Hilary Connolly, 99-92; judge Max Pescud, 99-97; judge Ray Mitchell, 100-94.

Kelly Thompson, 152, won a technical decision over Benny Tabua, 152½, at the end of six rounds in their scheduled 10. In round six, there was a head clash that could be heard yards back from the ring, and it split Thompson's eyebrow to the extent of six stitches. It also dazed him and dropped him to his knees. He regained his feet, but was still dazed as he tried to fend off Tabua. Thompson fell again and the bell ended the round. He was cut too bad for the fight to continue, and the scorecards were collected. Referee Connolly and judge Mitchell favored Thompson; judge Pescud had it for Tabua. Points win to Kelly.

Tiger Mann, 131, Papua, kayoed Roger Henry, 133, in the fourth round of their scheduled eight. Mann is still unbeaten. A good contest while it lasted.

Sparrow Freeman, 128, and Lou Williams, 133, drew, eight. This drew a shower from ringsiders.

▲ **BRISBANE—Festival Hall**—Brian Janssen, 144, one of the brightest prospects developed in Australia in years, passed his stiffest test to date when he outpointed Luciano Navarra, 145, Italy, 10. Referee Alan Moore scored the contest 97-92.

It was a grueling fight in which Janssen slugged it out with the Italian far too often. He would have done better if he'd stood off and aimed his bombs (he's a hard puncher), delivering them with full force instead of standing with Navarra in a slugging bee. Both were in trouble. Janssen once in round seven, Navarra several times.

Kevin Wagstaff, 174, outpointed comebacking Ken Morris, 169, in an exciting 10 that drew a large shower.

Alan Black, 176, outscored Trevor Singleton, 171, six.

Mark Janssen, 140, outpointed Ted Hopkins, 144, four.

Larry McDonald, 142, stopped Keith Arnold, 131, in the second round of their scheduled four.
(05-31-82)

VICTORIA

▲ **MELBOURNE—Town Hall**—Big Marc Ecimovic, 224 and 6'5", had too many physical advantages for Reno Zurik, 185, in their scheduled 10-rounder. Ecimovic decked Zurik twice in the fourth round, and referee Ken Brady stopped it.

Blakeney Matthews, 140¾, won a unanimous decision over Luciano Navarra, also 140¾, Italy, 10. Scoring: referee Malcolm Bulner, 100-94; judge Ken Brady, 99-95; judge Cliff Heaver, 98-91.

Peter Brian, 159¾, TKO'd Sam Parsons, 157, in the first round of a scheduled six.

Phil Defina, 126, outpointed Steve Moran, 122, four.

Colin Wallace, 161¾, outscored Steve Bekavac, 163¾, three.
(05-19-82)

▲ **HEIDELBERG—Coliseum Hotel-Motel**—Paul Luttrell, 133, outpointed Johnny Williams, 135, eight. Referee Norm Foster gave Luttrell a two-point edge.

Shane Rank, 129, outscored Jay Crowe, 126, by only one point on Foster's card, eight.

Willie Fields, 128, won on a foul from Johnny O'Connor, 124, in the second round of a scheduled four.

Steve Scott, 163, halted Brad Davidson, 160, in the second round of a scheduled three.

Johnny Francis, 146, outscored Ray Anderson, 150, three.
(05-21-82)

▲ **NOTES**—Multiple Australian champion Tony Mundine halted French light heavyweight champion Hocine Tafer in the second round of a scheduled 10 in Grenoble, France, on May 8, 1982.

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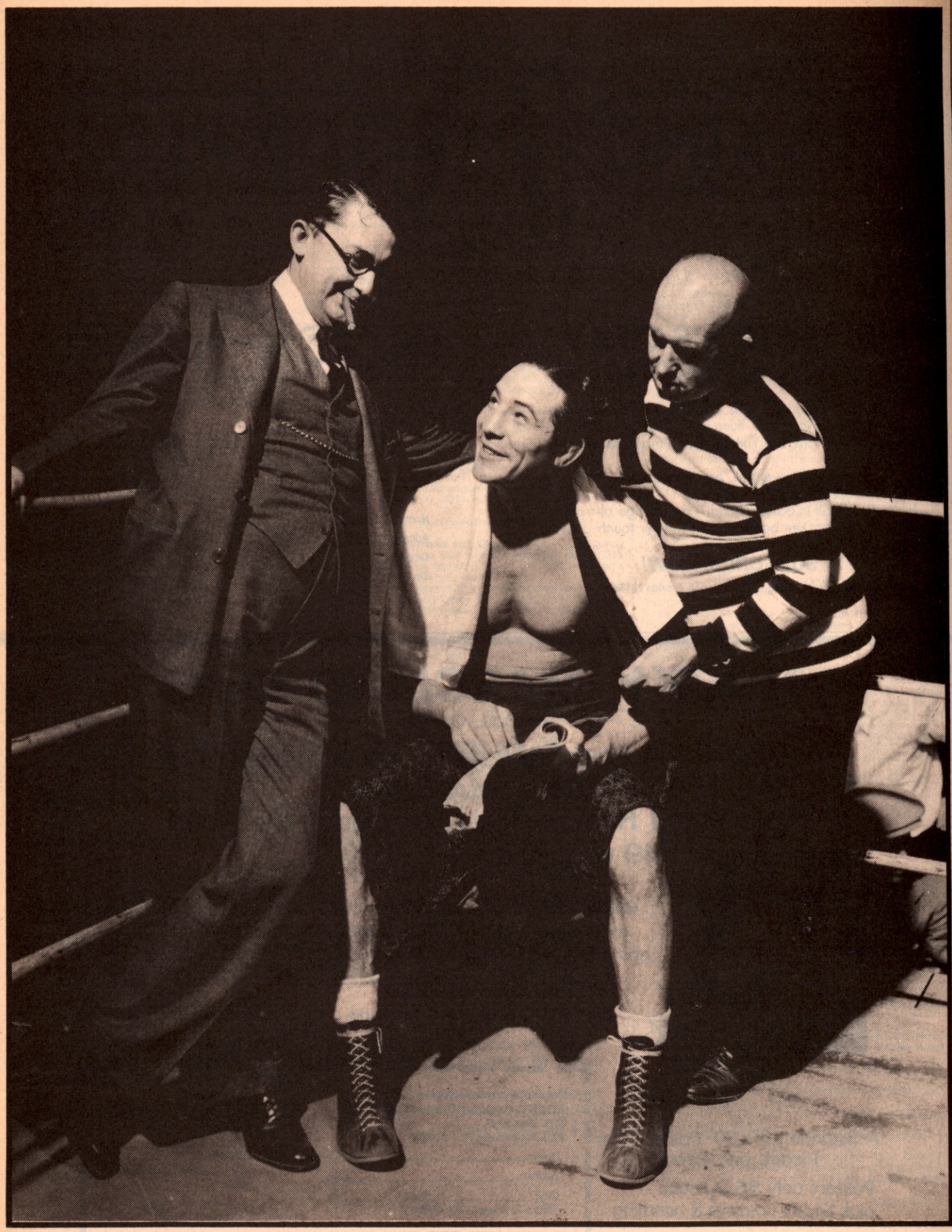


THERE IS a bone-chilling shot recurring throughout the silent film classic, "He Who Gets Slapped," that shows a clown (played by Lon Chaney) standing alone in some dreary place lit only by broken sunlight columns. A tattered white costume is wrapped loosely around his emaciated body, and he is spinning a globe on one finger in an uncontrollable fit of laughter. He seems to want to cry out from his molded expression that it's better to laugh at the world rather than fold under its pressures in mental anguish. In the world of boxing, not all fighters are the heartless gladiators they are pictured to be by people who don't know better. In what might be called its "Modern Era," boxing has had its share of funnymen, straight men, and even sad men—some who have felt the chill of human misery and tried to hide their anguish behind exaggerated smiles and constrained laughter.

BY JOHN DIMAMBRO

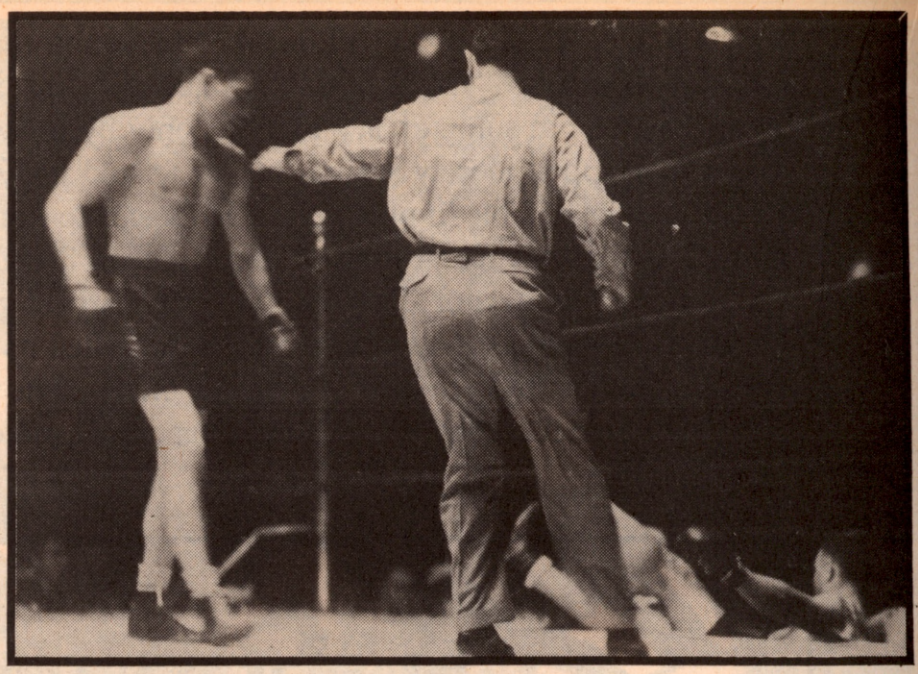
LEFT: Filming "The Prizefighter and the Lady" in '33, Baer goes over his lines with actor Jean Hersholt and comic Vince Barnett. ABOVE: Training for Schmeling in Atlantic City, Baer, flanked by Jack Dempsey and A.C. Mayor Bacharach, enjoys a moment of levity with a bear (no relation).

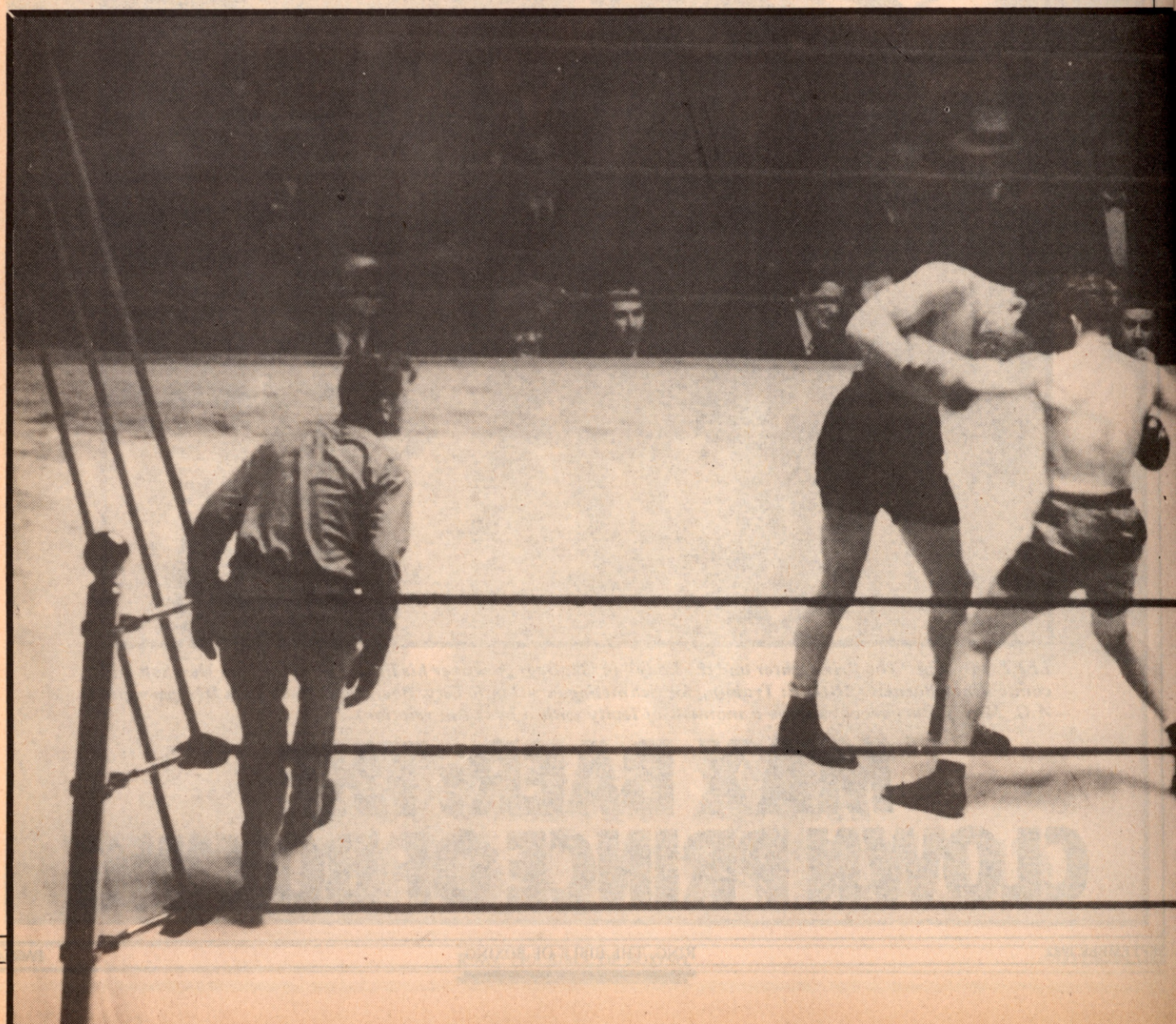
MAX BAER: THE CLOWN PRINCE OF BOXING

BOXING HAS ALSO HAD AN OVERWHELMing share of fighters who have drawn crowds by either projecting glowering images to the public, or by vaunting bad reputations overblown by some money-mad promoters and leery-eyed, cigar-chewing managers. But two fighters readily come to mind who have uncharacteristically drawn crowds not only through alluring presence and ability, but also by mouthing off in and out of the ring in a manner smacking of showbiz.

The most recent ring funnyman is, of course, Muhammad Ali. But Ali's precursor was a clown in the truest tragicomic sense of the world—Max Baer, the lovable "Livermore Larruper."

Gene Tunney's retirement from boxing heralded the end of "The Golden Age of Boxing." And created a vacuum, one soon to be filled with clods and clowns. All parading as heavyweight contenders. But soon the parade was to include, if not led by, Max Baer. Indeed, some were to view him as the whole parade.

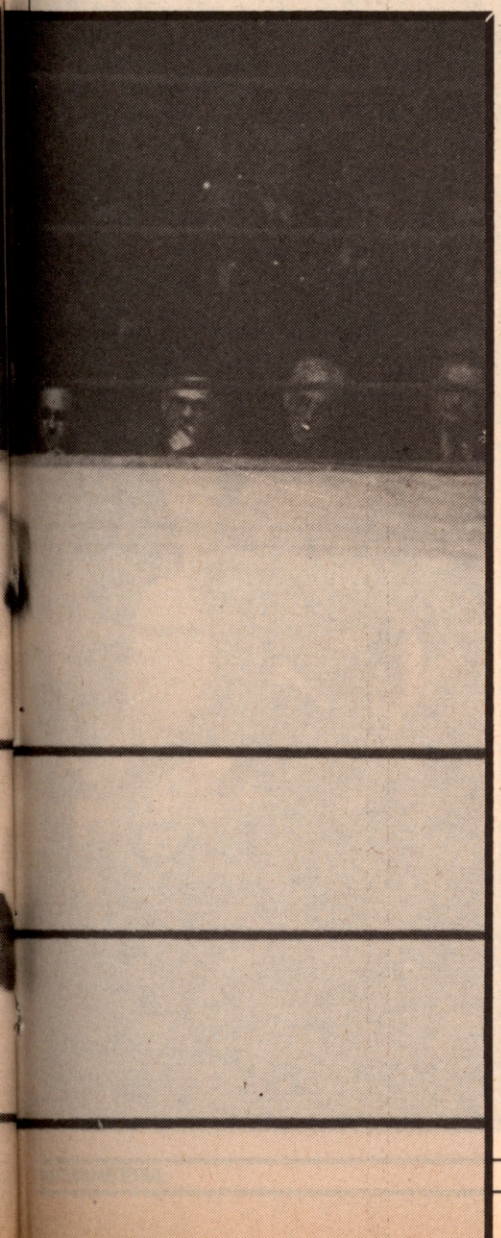


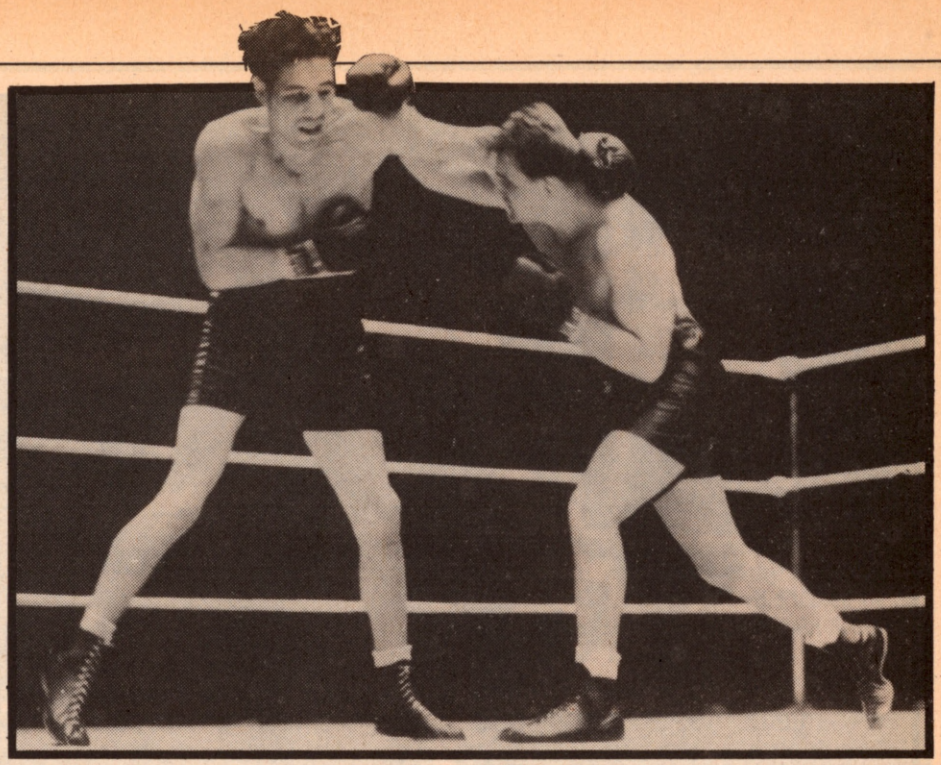


Max Baer was tall and radiantly handsome, his body was a sculptured masterpiece of solid muscle which looked as if it was chiseled from a slab of marble and given a highly polished finish. With his old-world charm and his animated sense of humor, he was certainly the most magnetic presence to fill the ring since the dashing days of "Gentleman" Jim Corbett.

The young and jubilant Baer was on his way to establishing himself as the wunderkind of boxing—a brilliant hopeful who would assuredly win the championship and keep it for many years to come. But on Aug. 25, 1930, Baer's dream turned into a horrible nightmare. For on that night in San Francisco he knocked out Frankie Campbell in the fifth round. It was a moment which would haunt Baer for the rest of his life.

After being clobbered to the point of helplessness by a series of Baer's dynamite-laden rights to the head, Campbell slumped to the canvas and remained in a coma. He died one day later in the Mission Emergency Hospital





ABOVE: Earnie Schaaf slips under Max's left in an early round. Baer dropped him with a right in the tenth with only the bell saving Schaaf from a knockout. (September 1, 1932) LEFT: Baer, left, tries to tie up King Levinsky in third round action at Madison Square Garden, January 29, 1932. Baer took the 10-round decision.

just blocks away from Recreation Park, the outdoor sports field where the fight took place.

Immediately, Baer was labelled a two-fisted killer by the press, but the incident left a permanent mark on his outlook of the fight game. The news that Campbell had died from a cerebral hemorrhage left Max shattered. Baer's killer instinct was to die with Campbell.

His next fight, against former all-service champ, Ernie Schaaf, was his first in New York. But he fought apathetically, holding his punches for fear of fatally hurting another opponent, and lost a 10-round decision. Ironically, however, Schaaf would feel the punishing power of Baer's fist in their rematch two years later.

By 1932, Baer's Killer instinct seemed to reassert itself again. On August 31 of that year he defeated Schaff on what is listed in the record books as a 10-round decision. But scant seconds before the final bell sounded Baer smashed a lethal right on Schaaf's temple, knocking him cold.

It is believed that Schaaf carried the after effects of that punch into his bout with Primo Carnera less than six months later. He died in the ring after being hit by a Carnera left that couldn't have dented an egg. Reporters were convinced, however, that Schaaf never fully recovered from the punishment he had taken in his second fight with Baer.

Just as his brooding over the horrid memory of Campbell's death was beginning to lessen, Max was faced with yet another torturing ordeal to endure. His fists had claimed a second victim.

Baer's manager, Ancil Hoffman, once said "(Max) is the most emotional athlete I ever saw. He breaks into tears over trivialities. But in a fight he 'wants' to win, he works himself into a terror! A wild man!"

And if young Baer ever wanted to win a fight badly, it came against Max Schmeling, the former heavyweight champion.

The fight, which took place before a crowd of 53,000, would prove to be Baer's finest hour—an exhibition of heavy power hitting. As Baer stepped into the ring, he arrogantly threw his head back, and slowly rolled the thick muscles in his neck which bulged and glistened with sweat. As his head came to rest, his eyes seemed to be on fire as he stared at Schmeling. And when he curled his tongue his upper lip,like a famished wolf about to devour a chicken, seemed, in retrospect, to serve as a portent of things to come.

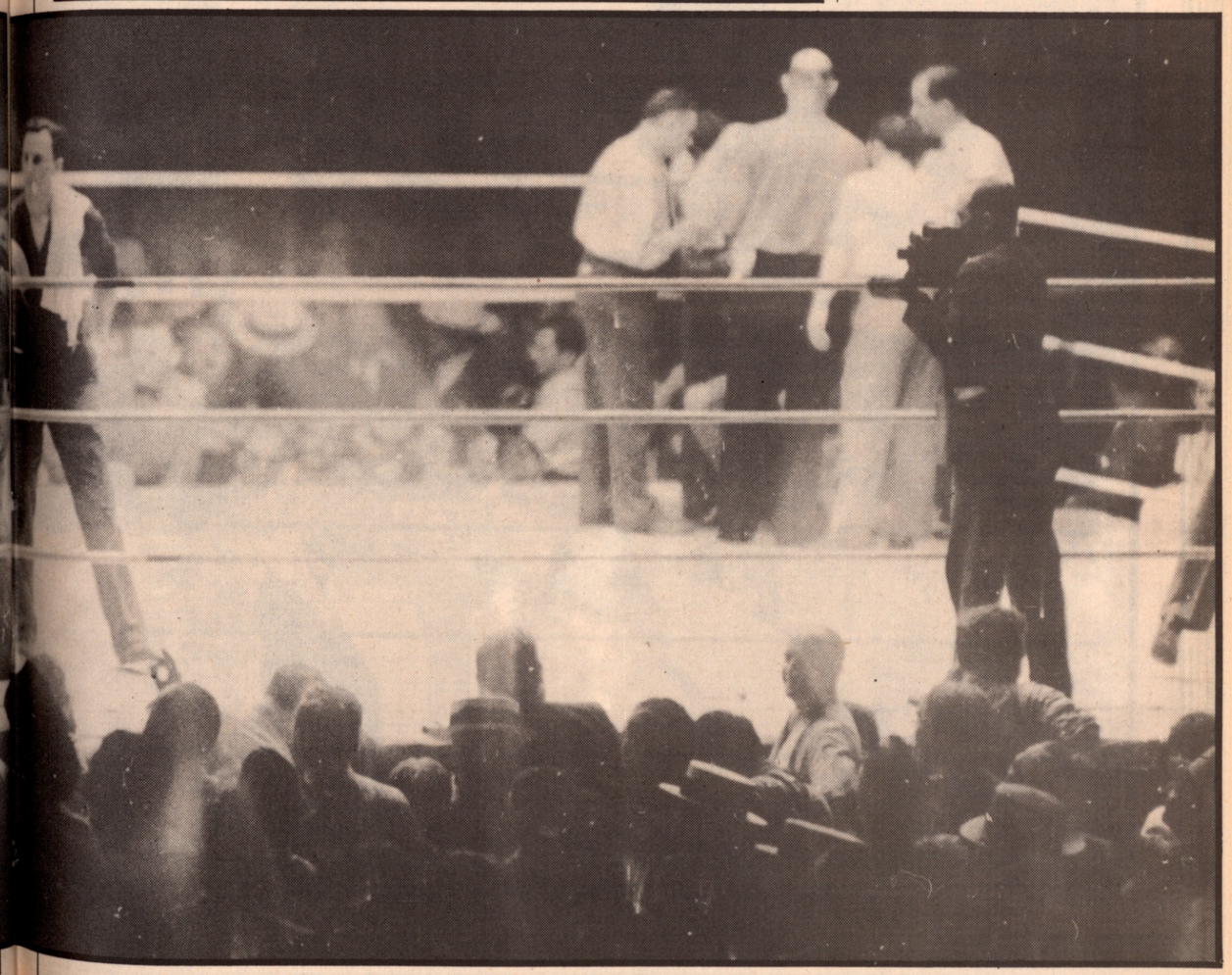
With a startling ferocity, Baer belted Schmeling all over the ring, repeatedly hammering home his right hand at will. At one point, he pridefully hung out his chin and grinned sardonically, daring Schmeling to hit him. The German quickly responded by slamming a straight right to Baer's chin. Baer just laughed, and then snarled frighteningly at his disheartened antagonist. That was it for Schmeling. For although he fought back gamely during the middle rounds, the "Black Uhlan" took a terrifying beating.

In the tenth round, Baer shot a right to Schmeling's jaw that caused those seated at

does the opposite anyway. He's always been like that." He straightened his smile, pondered for a moment, and then affirmed, "With the betting right, he can do anything. Now he wants to knock out Carnera. And if he 'wants' to, then he will!"

Supreme in his confidence, Baer assured reporters, "I'm gonna' knock that lantern-jawed 'Signor' right out of his foreign skin. He's going to be walking through a dark forest when he fights me." Then he changed his dialect to mimic a southern drawl and said, while haughtily pointing a thumb back at himself, "And I'll tell ya' boys, he's a gonna' get bitten by one big, bad 'Baer.' "

On June 14, 1934, Maximilian Adalbert Baer became heavyweight champion of the world in an almost ludicrously easy manner at the Madison Square Garden Bowl in Long Island City, N.Y. He bullied Carnera, and battered him cruelly with bombshell-like punches that seemed to jar his bones and split



ABOVE: Baer stands by as referee Arthur Donovan saves Schmeling from further punishment, halting their June 8, 1933, Garden bout in the 10th. TOP RIGHT: Victory celebration after the Schmeling bout. Max poses with (from left,) trainer Mike Cantwell, manager Ancil Hoffman and father Jacob Baer. RIGHT: Max gives a Tarzan yell after the fight.

ringside to visibly flinch. Schmeling's body was hurled from a steady stance, and he fell to the canvas lying in a fetus-like position. He groggily took a nine count, and Baer was on him in an instant sending the German reeling back to a neutral corner with another explosive right hand, and then rushed in to finish him off.

But even in his relentless fury, Baer drew back his fists. He raised his eyebrows plaintively and looked momentarily—though reflectively—at Schmeling, defenselessly crouched over, just as Frankie Campbell had nearly three years earlier. Baer motioned to referee Arthur Donovan, and said, almost unbelievably, "This looks like the end." Donovan got the message and punctually stepped in to save Schmeling any further punishment.

The fighting form Baer exhibited against the highly-rated Schmeling won him the beginning admiration of even the most incredulous boxing critics. This was the Baer they adored. he had now attained the rarified position of uncrowned champion. All that stood between him and an official coronation was then-champion, Primo Carnera.

Training in Asbury Park, N.J., for his title fight with Carnera, Baer seemed to deliberately go out of his way to infuriate even his most vapid follower. He clowned outrageously, and seldom showed any of the firepower he was by now famous for.

One day at his training camp, Baer was throwing effeminate love taps in the general direction of the heavy bag when a young reporter yelled our sarcastically, "Hey Maxie! Ya' havin' fun?" Baer laughed strongly and replied, "Sure! I like to have fun training—make my work my play!"

When concerned reporters asked manager Hoffman why he allowed Baer to carry on so childishly in his training program, he smiled pleasantly—almost apologetically—and said, "When you ask (Max) to do one thing, he

his head, knocking him down 12 times before referee Donovan stopped the one-sided carnage in the eleventh round.

Even while administering a sound beating to Carnera, Baer found time to clown around. He taunted the champion endlessly—hitching up his boxing trunks, laughing contemptuously and sticking his tongue out at him, even occasionally leaning over the ring ropes to talk to friends at ringside. When reporters later asked the ex-champion in his dressing room if Baer hurt him at all, his swollen eyes seemed to widen in horror, and he dropped his heavily bruised face in his bandaged hands, shaking it woefully in disbelief.

Now, that Baer had won the championship, he was in need of a worthy challenger. In March 1935, he was offered $300,00 by promoter Walter Rothenburg to fight Schmeling in Europe. Baer and Hoffman conditionally accepted the offer on the condition that

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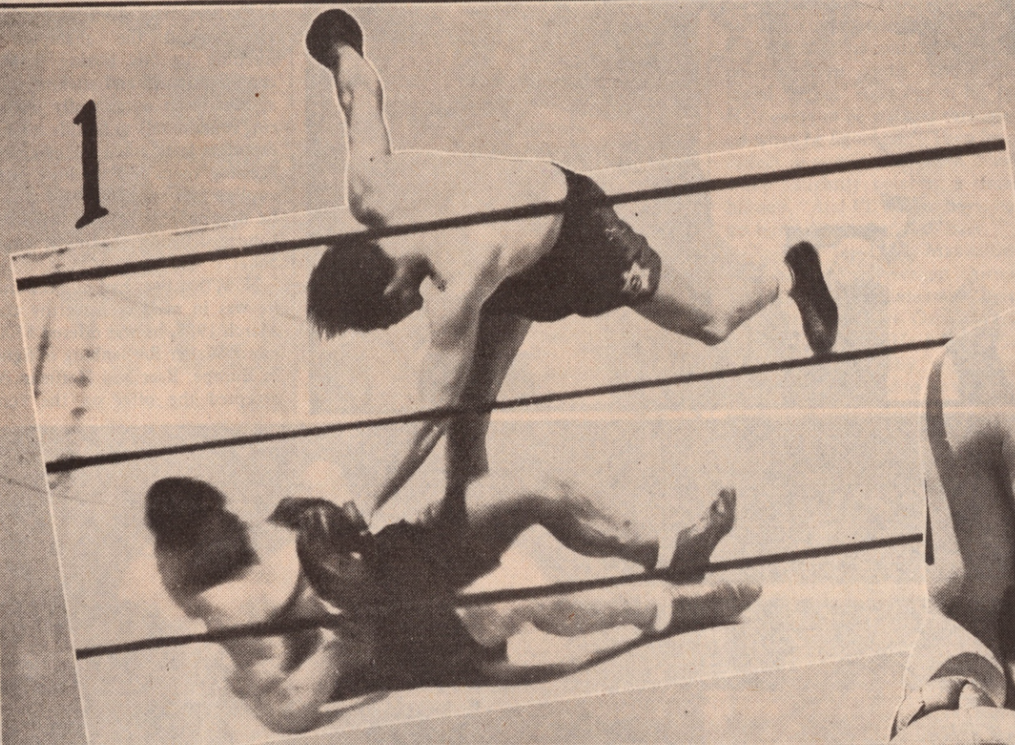
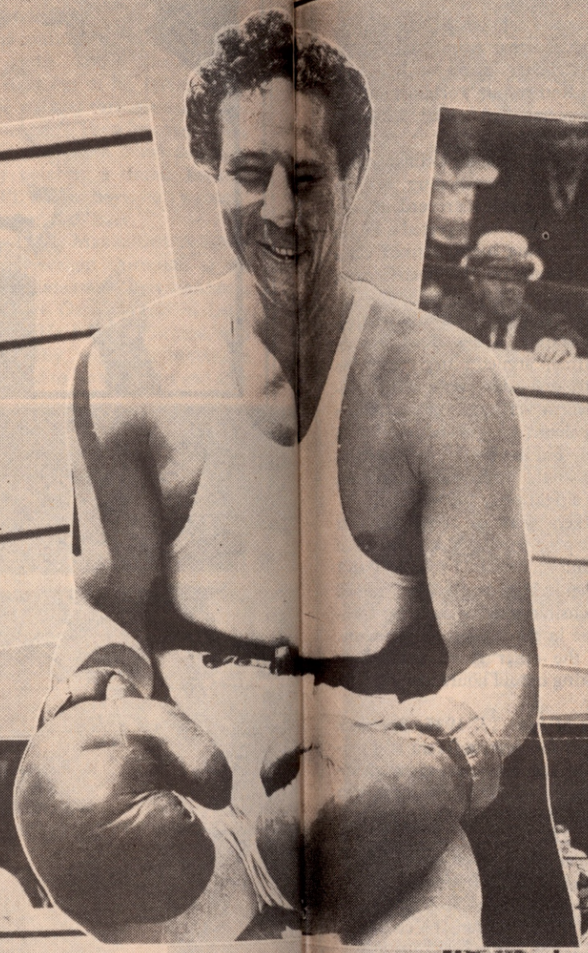
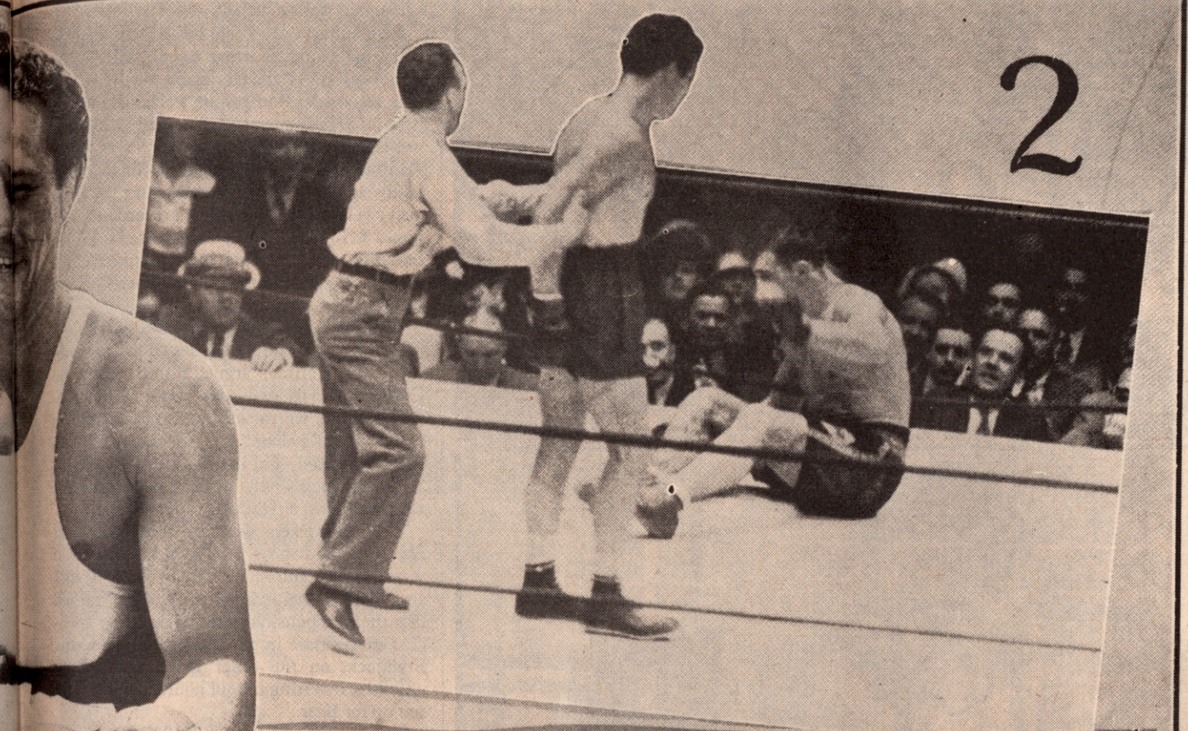
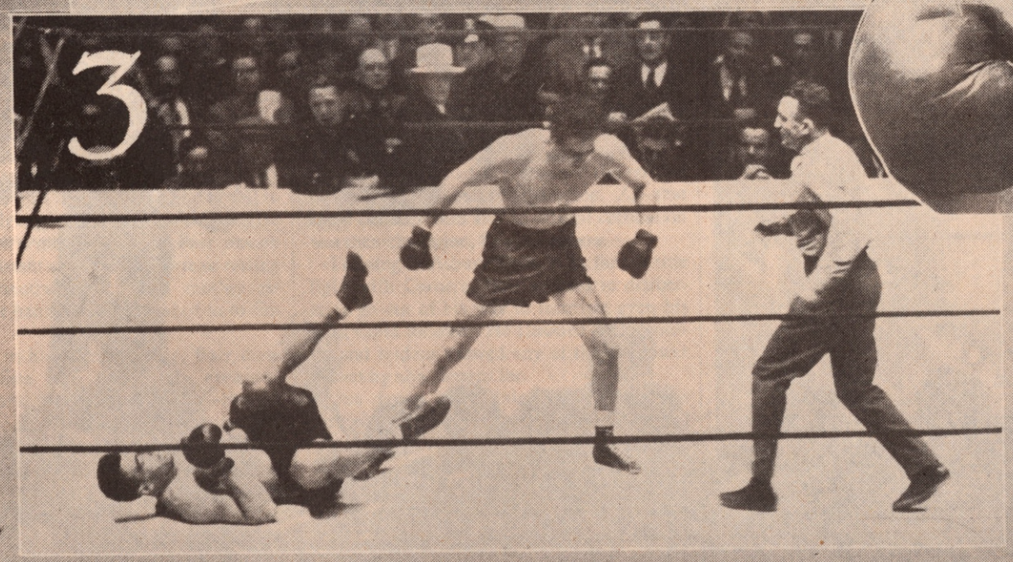
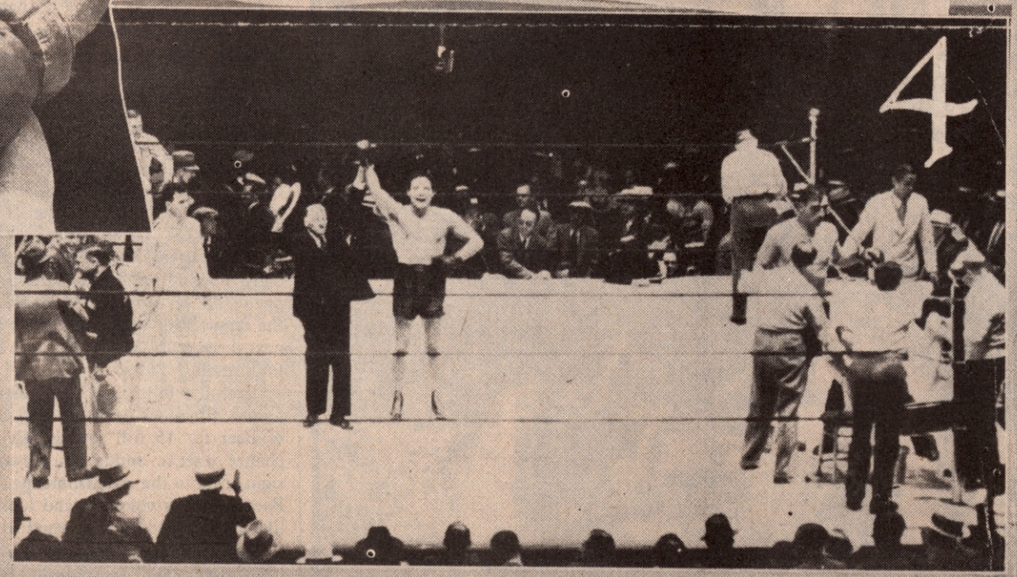










BAER KNOCKS OUT CARNERA AND TAKES HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

Rothenburg would first have the money deposited in a New York bank. Rothenburg, however, could not come up with the cash in time for the fight (scheduled for June) and the agreement was cancelled.

Schmelling was disappointed but hardly worried. He figured that Baer would easily dispose of any challenger he met in June, and then reconsider Rothenburg's original offer to fight him in September. After all, $300,000 was an irresistible purse.

In the meantime, Baer and Hoffman reluctantly agreed to fight a washed-up, ex-light heavyweight with an adequate record, at best, James J. Braddock, who had created a minor sensation—by defeating highly-ranked Corn Griffin in two rounds on the Baer-Carnera card.

The Baer camp thought the whole arrangement by the Madison Garden Bowl was absurd. And Hoffman argued bitterly with the Garden officials that there were other contenders more worthy of Baer's crown than a broken-down palooka like Braddock. "He's just a washed-up old has-been," he reasoned. "What chance would he have against Baer, who hasn't lost a fight since 1931?"

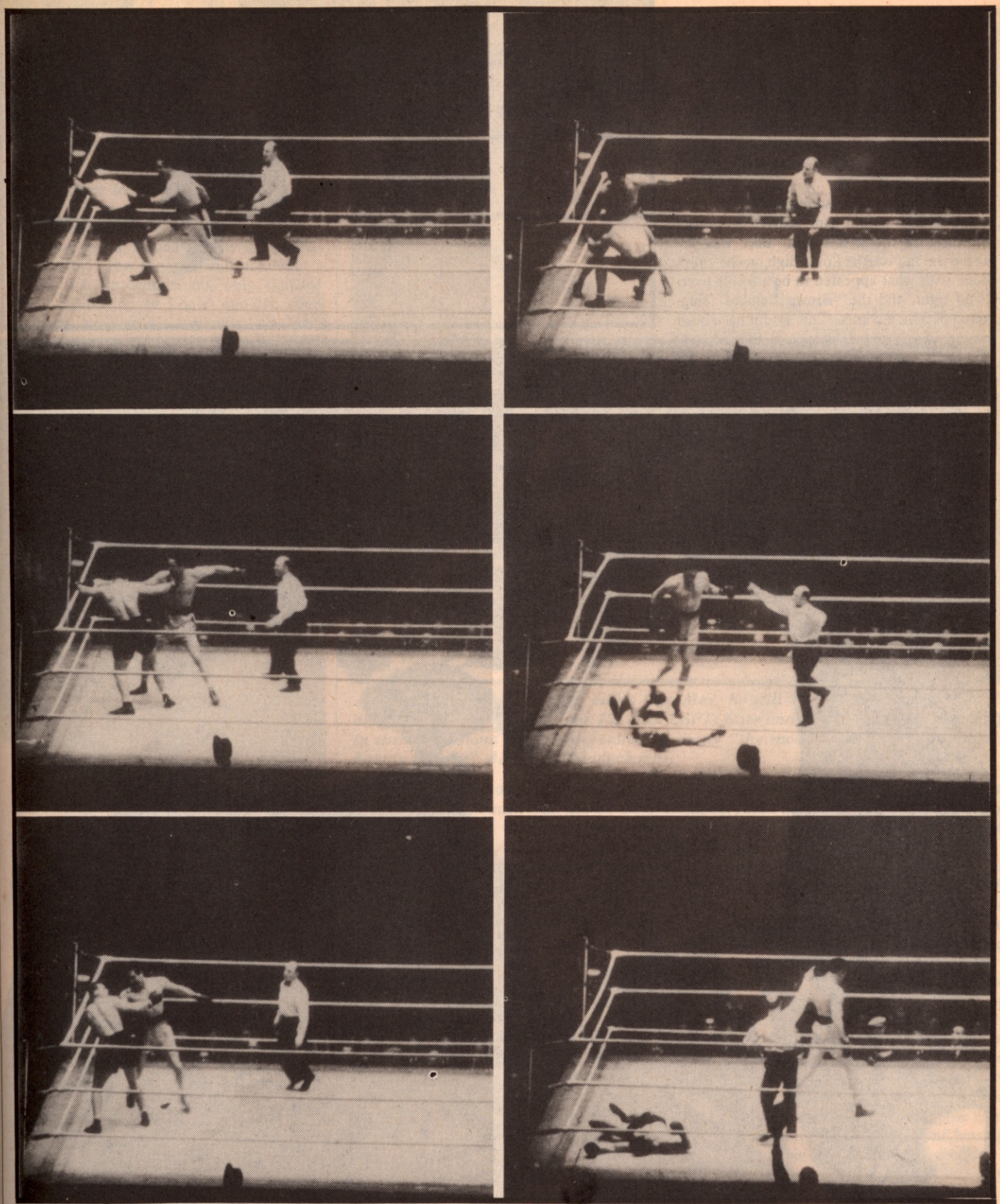
The oddsmakers were so convinced that Baer would dispose of Braddock inside of three-rounds, and made him a sound 10-to-1 and "out" favorite. Accordingly, Baer trained like the irresponsible playboy he was, spending more time in gin mills than gymnasia. Braddock, on the other glove, trained vigorously, investing untold hours loading himself up for Baer.

On the night of June 13, 1935, Braddock easily outpointed the overconfident and out-of-shape shell of the once-near-great champion in as boring a fight as had ever been seen for the heavyweight crown.

"(Baer) had taken the odds set up by the gamblers as a true estimate of my chances," Braddock later recalled. "He underrated me terribly, and it did not take me long to find out that I had certain weapons he could not discount.

My manager, Joe Gould, was getting almost daily reports from the Baer camp. The champagne life was sapping Maxie. He kept telling the reporters it would not affect him for the next three years. Well, he set too long a reign for himself."

Carefully following the instructions of Gould, Braddock dutifully circled to the left of Baer for 15 full rounds, giving him no chance to set up and launch his wrecking ball right. And to the astonishment of the crowd, Baer fought frivolously, and looked nothing like the untamed stalwart who had so savagely clubbed Campbell, Schmeling, and Carnera into submission. Instead, he frittered the rounds away foolishly, pantomiming the wavering gait of a drunk when, instead, he should have been fighting. Braddock piled up points, and walked off with a unanimous 15-

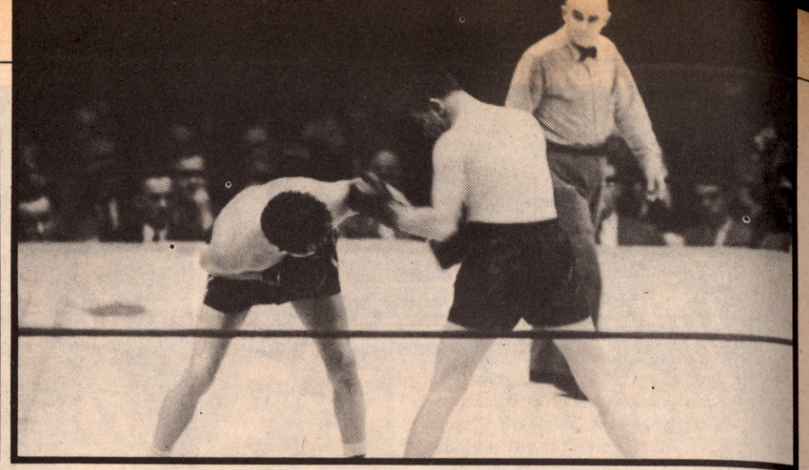


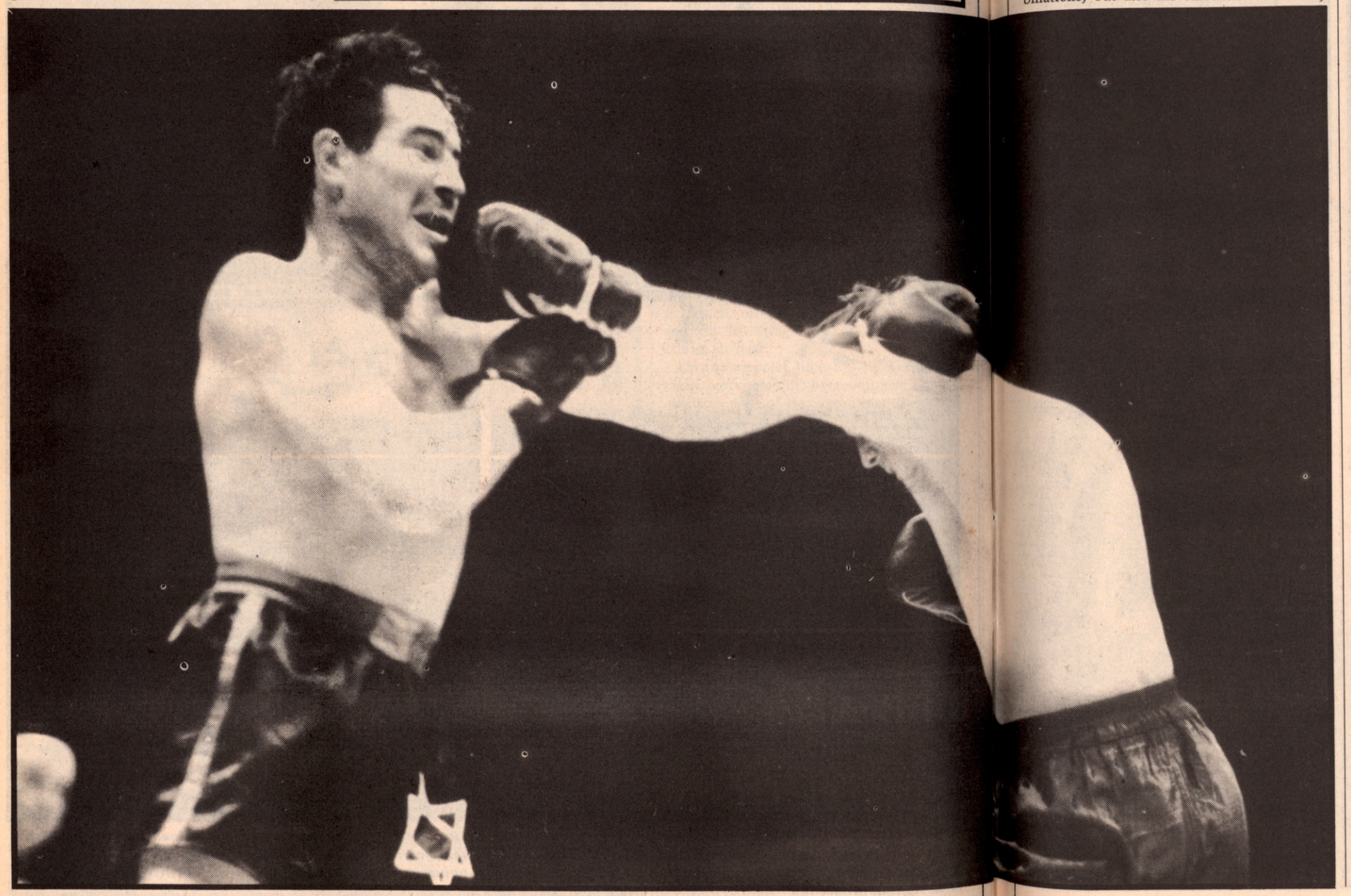
LEFT, TOP TO BOTTOM: Baer waves to the ladies at his Asbury Park, N.J., camp where he trained for his first—and only—title defense, against James J. Braddock. Champion Baer visits former champion Carnera in hospital where Da Preem convalesced from a fractured ankle. Max takes a break from chopping wood. ABOVE: Baer knocks out King Levinsky with a wild right in the second round of their exhibition bout, December 28, 1934, in Chicago.

round decision as well as the championship. Later in his dressing room, Baer jested, "Braddock can use the title. He has five kids . . . I don't know how many I have." It was a fitting end to an unfitting fight.

Despite his loss to Braddock, Baer had not lost his allure as an attraction. He signed to meet a rising young knockout artist named Joe Louis on Sept. 24 at Yankee Stadium for a shot at Braddock's title.

Louis, who knew something about the power of Baer's right hand sparred cautiously for most of the first round. Baer was the aggressor and caught Louis high on the cheek bone with what appeared to be a feeble overhand right, and the "Brown Bomber" staggered back in a corner. This would have been

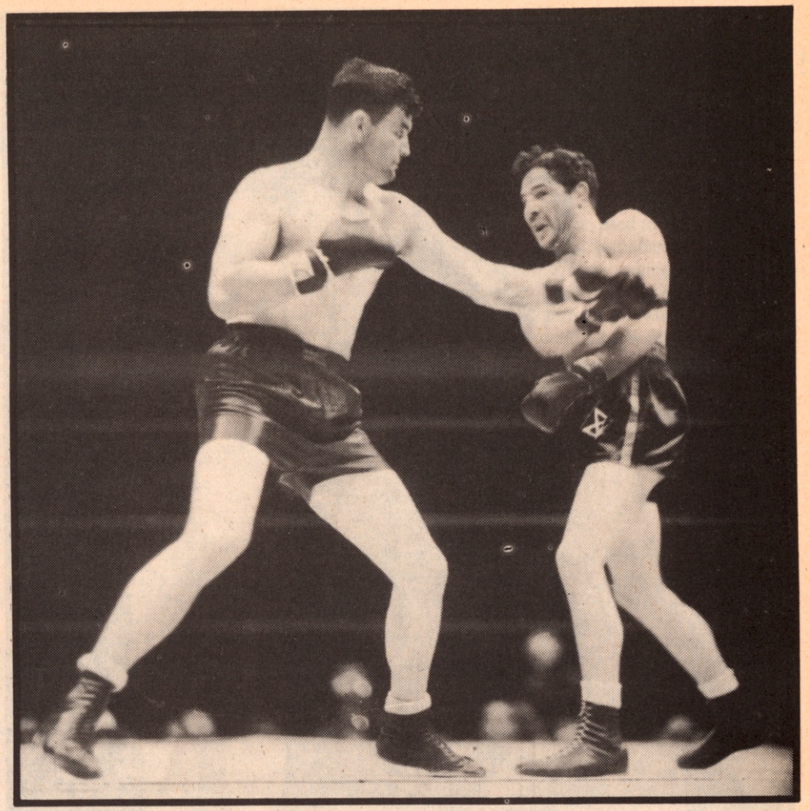




suicidal against the Baer of 1933, but now Max looked oddly detached and suddenly seemed disinterested in the whole as he pawed weakly at the cornered Louis like a newborn kitten playing with a ball of yarn. Louis easily avoided these punches, and began his own attack.

By the third round, Louis was in total control. After being stung by a series of rapid punches, Baer fell to the canvas in a sitting position. It was only the second time in his career that he felt the ring floor. He looked out at the crowd, smiled warmly in humiliation, and then gave sort of a nautical salute.

That first knockdown not only signaled Baer's capituation to Louis' gun-like combinations, but also his surrender. To Max,



ABOVE LEFT: The low blow didn't help Max; he still lost twelve of fifteen rounds and his title to Braddock, June 13, 1935. LEFT: Baer and Braddock (right) mix it up in the Long Island Bowl bout, called by many "the most boring heavyweight title bout in history". ABOVE: Braddock jabs.

the rambunctious crowd, now watching him get beaten to a powder, was just an anonymous gallery of eyes, whose only interest was to shout, spill beer, and if they were lucky, witness another legal assassination. And Max had a bellyful of it all—later saying, "They paid to see a fight, not a murder."

After getting up from the first knockdown, Max stuck out his long left arm, pushed his glove against Louis' forehead, and actually held him off in the same playful—and perplexed—manner Muhammad Ali would Joe Frazier in their historically memorable first fight, 36 years later. But Louis was all business in the fourth round, and knocked Max down twice. Seemingly clear-eyed, Baer rose on one knee and watched calmly as referee Donovan counted him out. When it was over, he promptly got up and walked to his corner.

Max was harshly accused of being a quitter, But even when faced with this disparaging accusation, he joked as he recalled the last round of the fight "In a way, I knew what was going on around me, but there was something wrong with my legs—I couldn't get up. And not only that, I was seeing more than one Joe Louis in the ring. It looked like Harlem was there, And a little ray of sunshine couldn't go through all those clouds—(there were) too many dark ones."

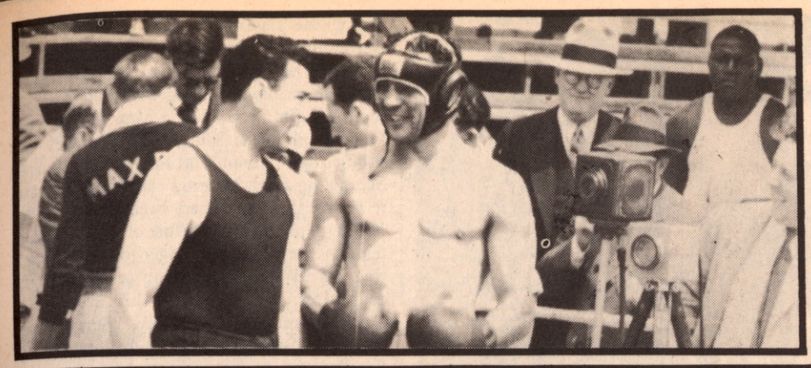
In later years, Baer would wryly use his shattering defeat to Louis as a target for self-parody: "If you get belted and see three fighters through a haze, go after the one in the middle. That's what ruined me—going after the other two guys."

But behind all the comedy and self-deprecation, it was clear that Max was painfully aware of his own absurdity. And the Louis fight almost completely destroyed the myth of the bombastic Baer. From then on, he showed signs of his great ability only he felt like it—mowing down the promising Pat Comiskey in one round, severely thrashing the lumpy Tony Galento in eight rounds, and beating Britain's durable Tommy Farr by a decision.

Most often, however, Baer would just play the role of a clown until he was no longer acting, living the part as well. And that's perhaps the saddest part. He had no make-up, he wore no costume, and the silly grin he masqueraded with could not entirely hide the in-

remarkably quick-witted man who made a substantial living outside of the ring by acting like a punch-drunk fighter in movies. Unmistakably, the two men melded into one, a team people soon began to use their standard for what ex-fighters looked and talked like.

One night in 1946 at the ritzy Club 18 in Manhattan, after the two Maxies had performed their stand-up comedy routine, the coproprietor of the nightclub, Jack White—sort of a primordial Don Rickles-like comedian who would cruelly (though humorously) insult the customers as part of his *schtick*—was entertaining the crowd when he noticed Baer swaggering loftily to a table of friends.



White shouted, "Hey Max! Why don't you get down on the floor so the customers can recognize you?" Baer's distinctively infectious laugh roared out noisily, and he clapped his hands in approval of White's wisecrack. Still laughing, Max leaned over toward the table where his friends were seated and said, "I'd do as he says, but I've been taking standing lessons since the last (Lou) Nova fight, and I'm just starting to get used to it."

It was that kind of self-abasing japery that perhaps remains most memorable (and at times most puzzling) to followers of the frolicsome Baer. Sometimes he was like an overgrown child who did't know his own strength,

ABOVE: Baer and Maxie Rosenbloom, who teamed up in a comedy routine, flank Kent Conway, a young fighter. ABOVE RIGHT: Dempsey and Baer in their famous promotional bout. RIGHT: Baer's image helped him make an early career switch to Hollywood.

finite sadness that seemed to call out appealingly from his eyes, a look which seemed to say he knew the joke was on him.

As late as 1940 he still had a right hand that could bust bones, and sense of humor that would turn the most somber face into a massive glow. But for Max, the ring became life under the big top, and he used it as a home for what people came to know as a washed-up fighter-turned-circus clown whose best counterpunch was a joke.

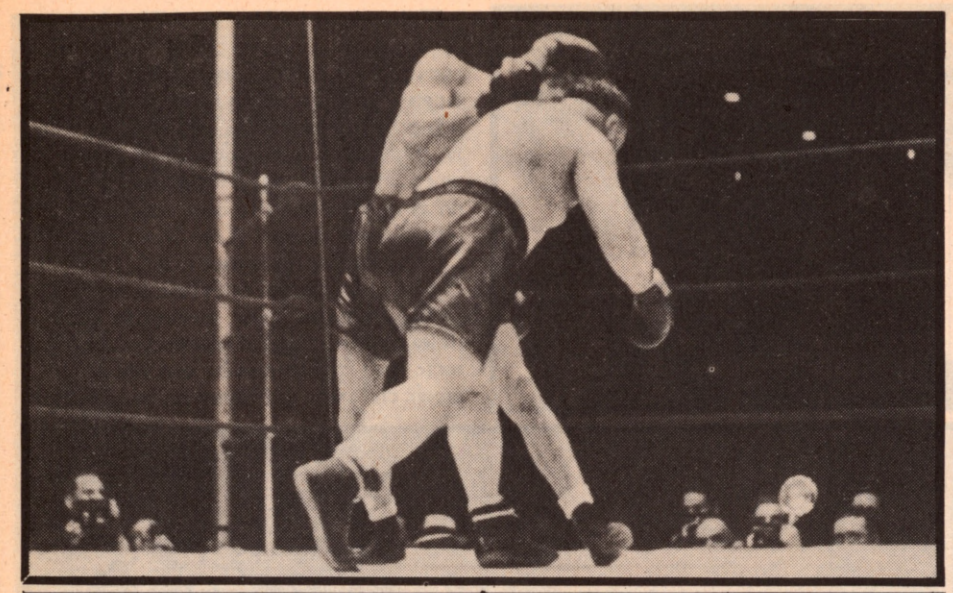
After losing to Lou Nova on an eleventh-round TKO in 1941, Baer looked around for the first time in his life and accepted where he stood. His geat promise had never been fully acquitted. His fistful of lovers were in the past. He was now married, and had a child. He knew it was time to close down his open fields.

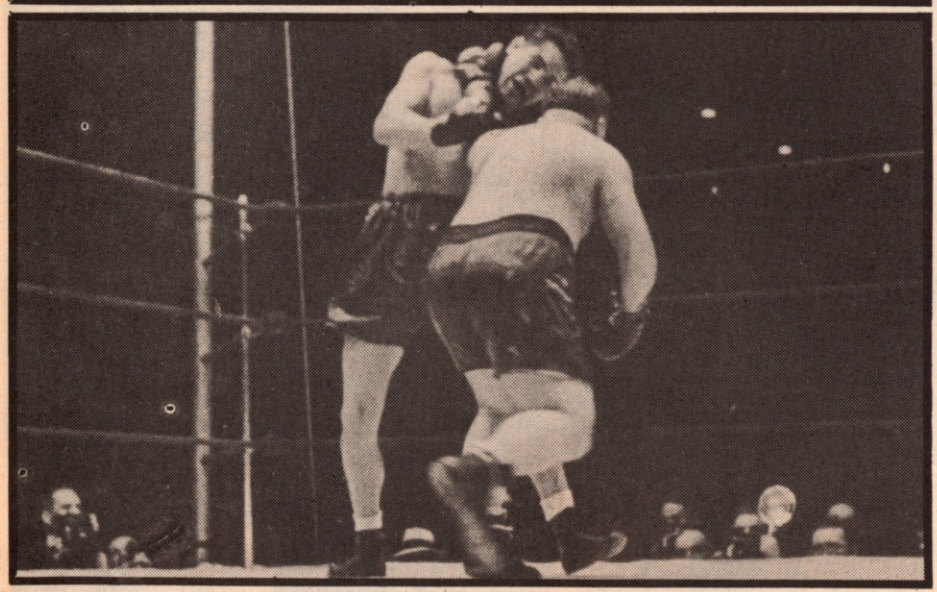
He had fallen victim to the clownish character he created. But like a clown, he always needed an audience. So he chose Hollywood, as his stage, one filled with fascinating people whose interests had nothing to do with boxing. And that's what Max liked the most about it.

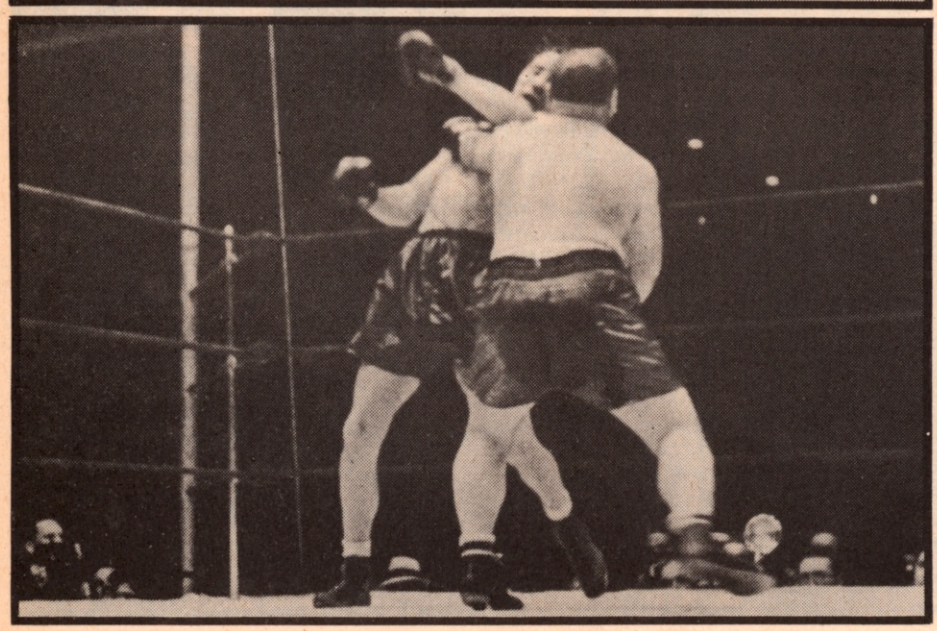
As early as the Carnera fight, Baer had given a hint of what was to follow: His behavior was no longer whimsical, it was programmed. By the time he retired from the ring, Max's life was ostensibly tinged with remorse, and underlying his conscience was the turmoil of a desperately confused man.

He still possessed a picturesquely Herculean structure. But in many ways, the one-time exciting man-eater now seemed moth-eaten, and his enchanting charm had given way to mirthful monotony. He was aging, and aging rapidly. More rapidly than would be considered normal. And though his superior fighting ability had suffered greatly (and most notably) since 1935, he remained an interesting eccentric, and nightclubbing provided him with an ideal mode of expression for his inexhaustible oddball humor.

He subsequently formed a successful comedy team with ex-light heavyweight champion "Slapsie" Maxie Rosenbloom—a







and whose playful regard for mischief often went unintentionally too far.

Former heavyweight champion Jack Dempsey once recalled sparring with Baer for promotional gimmickry while Max was training for his fight with Schmeling. Dempsey was promoting the bout, and had already sparred Schmeling at his training camp. At any rate, it seems that Baer had been drinking dry Manhattans the night before and his stomach felt extremely agitated. Eager to end the sparring match and his training session for the day—Max earnestly raised his eyebrow at Dempsey and said regretfully, "Sorry Jocko, but this 'Baer' is going into hibernation. Bye!"

Max punctuated his last word to Dempsey by throwing an injurious right that seemed to be windswept. The punch blasted fully into Dempsey's midsection, and his face contorted into an agonizing wince as he moved backward with a rubber-legged stumble. He was helped to a corner, and while gasping uncontrollably for air, he told reporters, "Baer will knock (Schmeling) out. I've never been hit that hard by anybody."

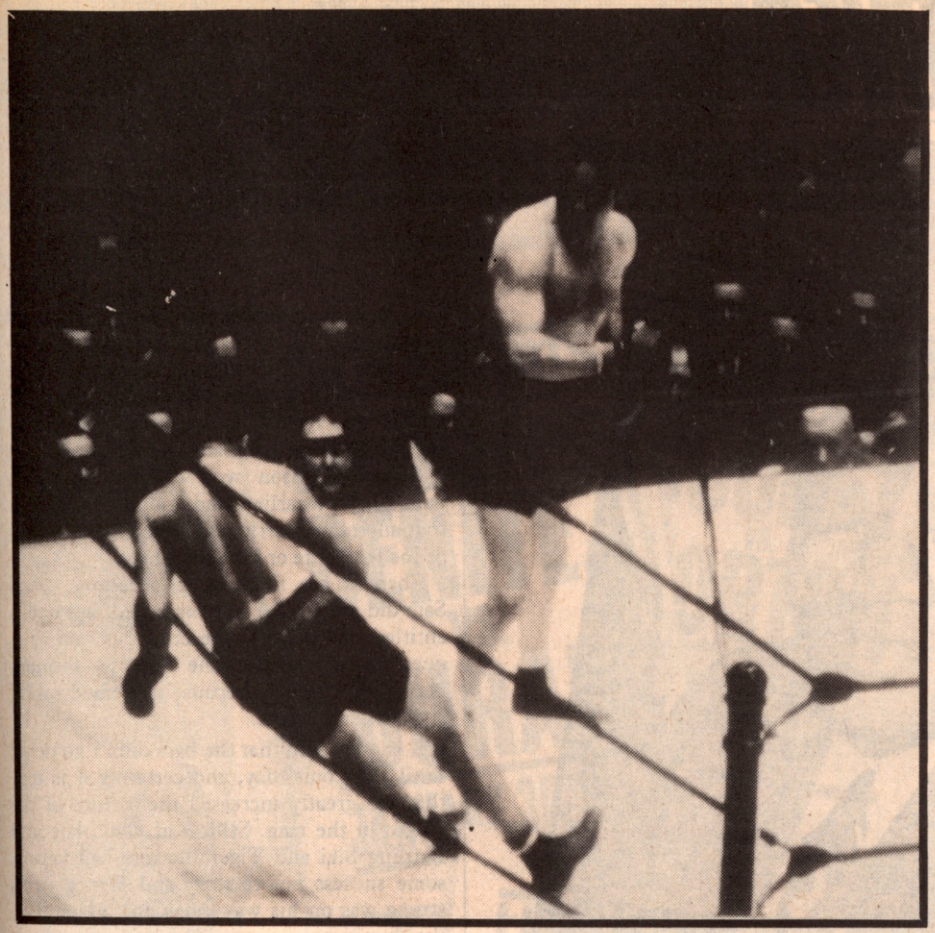
As Baer slowly walked to the shower room, he looked back at the hunched-over Dempsey, threw up his hands miserably and said to one of his sparring partners, "Oh well, I guess you might say I just tried my hand at a bit of promotion myself. And I think I just promoted myself out of any more of Dempsey's promotion.!"

Years later, Dempsey remembered the astonishing power of Baer's bionic right during Max's one-round demolition of Pat Comiskey, a fight Dempsey refereed. Max had Comiskey beaten and defenselessly hanging over the top ring ropes. Baer spread his hands apart and asked Dempsey curiously, "Well? What else do you want me to do to him?"

Although Max had settled down with his young family, he was still good old "Madcap Maxie," something he wouldn't allow anyone to forget.

At a spectacularly sleek New York night spot called The "El Morocco," Baer was leaving after dinner and drinks with his usual entourage, and was handed his overcoat by a voluptuous young hatcheck girl as the serious-looking restauranteur purposefully looked on.

Aware of the restauranteur's strict policy of personally retrieving every tip given to anyone of his employees, Max reached into his rear pants pocket, pulled out a $50 bill, and proceeded to roll it up. he then took the neatly rolled bill and gently placed it down the girl's low-cut cleavage. As he did, she quickly turned in embarrassment to her boss, who could offer her only a blank, moronic expression. Max then walked up to the restauranteur and started to playfully poke his index finger into his shoulder, and said, "Now that's one tip I'd like to see 'you' get!"



Primo Carnera's beastly chest during the weigh-in for their championship bout, and repeating mournfully, "He loves me, he loves me not," At which point Carnera grew purple with rage and cried savagely, "you maka me a damn fool, you wise guy, eh?" Or the time Max wrestled a Bear in Atlantic City, N.J. during a training session, and accused the animal of being an imposter and told it to "Put 'em up and fight like a man."

Even as he lay with excruciating chest pains on a couch in his room at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel on the last day of his life, Nov. 21, 1959, he found enough resourceful energy to clown. When he reached the switchboard operator on the telephone, he stammered, "I need a doctor," "A house doctor?" she inquired. Max whimpered and retorted, "No dummy! a people doctor."

By the time of his death of a heart attack at the age of 50, Max Baer left behind an indecisive image—one which until long after his death remained lamentably misunderstood and unloved. His outrageous reputation as a despicable clown and an irresistibly bewitching lothario often obscured the astonishing quality of his fistic talents.

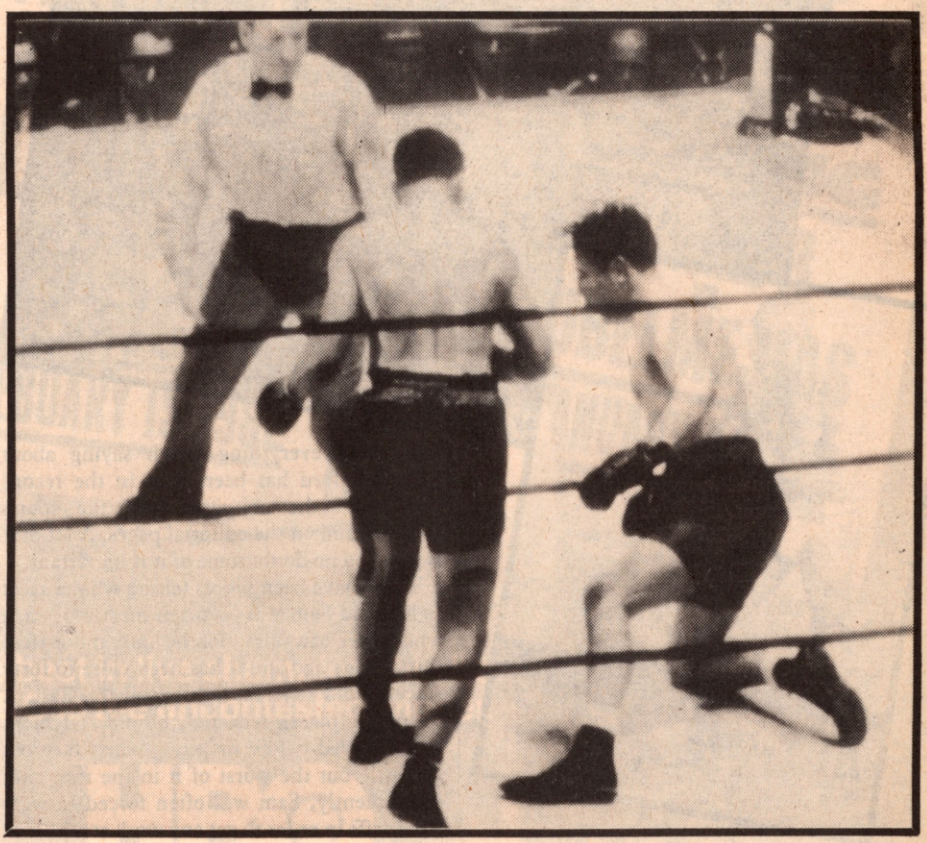
A new generation of boxing historials now seem ready to pay Baer the homage he deserves as a man who came this close to immortal greatness, but fell short of his potential. Who knows? Maybe he could have turned out to be the greatest heavyweight who ever lived. Maybe. . . □

LEFT: Baer and Two-Ton Tony Galento in the Jersey City slugfest, July 2, 1940. Max won by KO in eight.
ABOVE AND RIGHT: Baer drops Lou Nova in the fourth round in New York. Nova got up to kayo Max in his last fight. (April 4, 1941).

Baer's lively spirit and sharp witticisms have left writers with first-rate pieces of boxing folklore. When Dempsey was working as chief second in Baer's corner during his brief encounter with Joe Louis, he encouraged Max while energetically rubbing his neck,, "You're doing great kid, he hasn't hit you yet." Max rejectively pushed Dempsey's hand away from his neck, and looking up at him in disbelief, replied excitedly, "Then you better keep an eye on Arthur Donovan (the referee) because somebody in there is beating hell out of me!"

There are those who remember Baer for his TNT-loaded punching power, and there are just as many who remember him for his original flair for self-aggrandizement as a brash, youthful ring soldier, his aptitude for unlimited amusement, and even for his pathetic jests and annoying pranks which underlined his absurdly incongruous nature.

No middle-aged sports writer alive can forget timeless tales of Baer plucking hairs from



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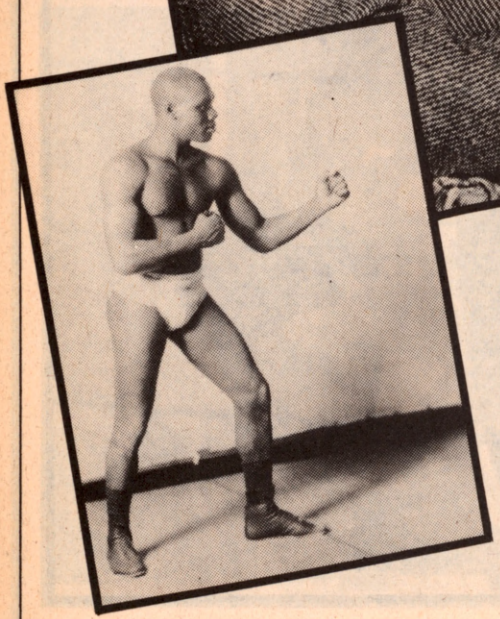


Just about everything worth saying about Sam Langford has been said, in the record books and the obituaries and the sports columns and on the editorial pages. A lot of it is true and no doubt some of it is important.

There have been pieces telling what a great fighter old Sam was—written mostly by men who never saw him, for he quit more than thirty years ago and it has been close to forty since he did any real fighting in the East. A lot of the pieces repeated the old statement that he lived before his time, when Negroes got little but the worst of it in the ring and, consequently, Sam was often forced to wear handcuffs in order to get any work at all.

As to that, a fellow has to wonder. Tom Molineaux, who was black, fought Tom Cribb for the title almost a century before John L. Sullivan invented the "color line" and drew it against Peter Jackson. Barbadoes Joe Walcott and Joe Gans and George Dixon and Jack Johnson won championships in Sam's day or earlier, and it does not appear that any racial barriers impeded Sam McVey or Joe Jeannette or Jack Blackburn.

Chances are there were occasions when Sam did go into the ring manacled, but one is entitled to mental reservations on the question of whether he did so through necessity or merely because it seemed sound business at the time.

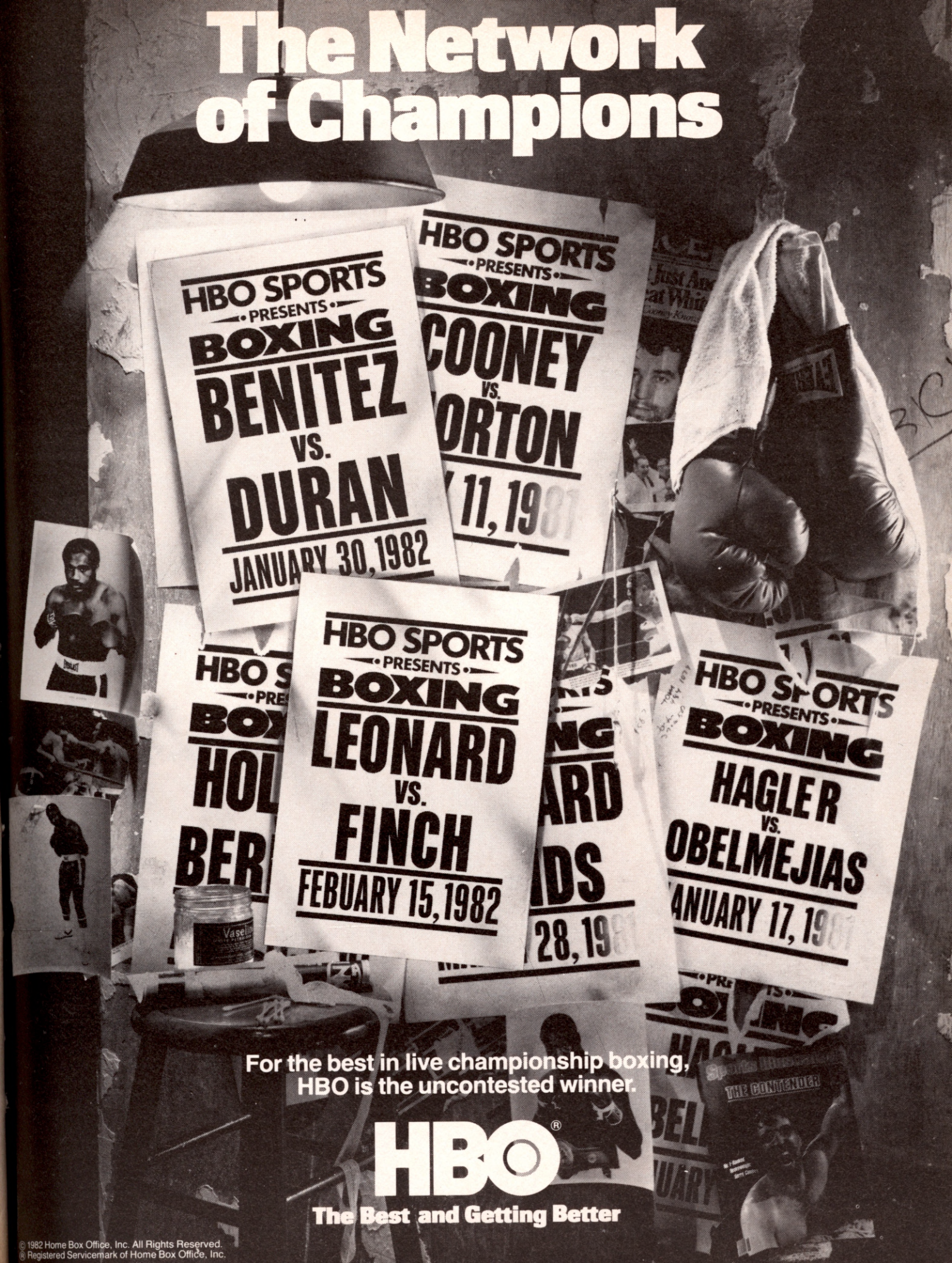
It is often said that the bars didn't go down until Joe Louis' day, and certainly it is true that Joe greatly increased the stature of the Negro in the ring. Still, Kid Chocolate and Battling Siki and Tiger Flowers had known some success before that, and Henry Armstrong was on his way when Joe was still in the amateurs.

Anyhow, Sam Langford is pictured as a fellow who had a bad time of it while he was fighting and a worse time afterward. The tale is retold how Sam dropped out of sight and was forgotten until Al Laney found him in 1944, old and penniless and blind and alone in a squalid room in Harlem.

The stories make him a tragic figure, and that furnishes a text for sermons about the need for reforms that will protect fighters in their youth and insure them in age. That would be fine. Everybody, including sportswriters, should be protected against exploitation and insured against error and extravagance and foolhardiness. All the fighter would need is a split personality—recklessly impetuous in the ring, prudent outside the ropes.

The fact is, Sam Langford wasn't a tragic figure in his own blind eyes or in Al Laney's clear ones. "I fought maybe three, four hundred fights," he told Al, "and every one was a pleasure." There was a gladiator.

Almost a year later, when Laney's story had brought gifts and donations of almost $10,000 to old Sam, Al paid him a Christmas Eve call. "I got a geetar," Sam said, "and a bottle of gin and money in my pocket to buy Christmas dinner. No millionaire in the world got more than that, or anyhow they can't use more." Tragic? □



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